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The Guide to the Doors

The Opener of Doors

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SHARERS of the apostolic faith, can we dare to claim that we are sharers also of the apostolic experience which found wonderful expression in the New Testament, and was, we know, the first marvellous stage in the life of the historic church?

There are few of us who, if we are entirely honest and sincere, will not confess that there is no article in our creed harder than a living faith in the Holy Spirit. Not, indeed that we deny Him. But not to deny is not of necessity experimentally to believe. Recently we read the story of two men who were standing on the bank of Niagara river just below the falls. A tight-rope walker had announced that he would cross the river above the teeming waters on a rope carrying another man on his back. "Do you believe he can do it?" asked one of the men. "Yes, I believe he can," was the reply. "Would you care to be the man on his back?" came the next query. "No, I most certainly would not," quickly responded the man, "I'll stay right here on the bank, thank you."

In that episode is revealed the essential difference between belief and faith. Those who have faith must reveal it in their actions. It is not enough to stand idly by and assert, "I believe." Men of faith are those who are willing to go all out in complete trust and dependence upon the creed they profess.

The belief in the Holy Spirit is simply a thorough-going belief in God; and it is difficult to see how one can say he believes in God and yet refuses to seek, at least, that happiness and completeness which comes only with faith in the Holy Spirit. Faith in the Holy Spirit is simply faith in the Holy God Who is alive and actual in this world. We may illustrate in this fashion. Many times we have watched a locomotive switching freight cars. Not infrequently we see an engine give a line of cars a sudden and somewhat violent impact, and then stop, while the cars continue moving and the engine remains at a stand-still. Now we imagine at times, that Jesus came and gave His cause a great push and then He has left it. Just the oppo-

ly as an impulse, but as a Living, Conscious, Intelligent Presence, offering all power to save you and to complete the Father's plan for the reaching of earth's utmost bounds."

The Book of the Acts is pre-eminently the one which sets before us the "Opener of Doors." "He shall glorify me, for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you." That is emphasized, not only in the transcendent opening event of this history, but on every page. Some have inclined to name this Book, "The Gospel of the Holy Spirit," or again, "The Acts of the Holy Spirit." That is a needless excess. Yet from beginning to end, the inflow of power in apprehension, in word, and in deed, is through the gift of the Holy Spirit. As men and women are moved by the Spirit, as they are filled with the Spirit, as the Spirit falls upon them, they prophesy, they speak with convicting power, they face their foes with courage, they pass into the inner sanctuary of faith, and they lay hold on the great certitudes of the gospel. Not to have received this baptism of the Holy Spirit as was the case of the believers in Corinth, was to have failed to enter into the enlightening and energizing power of the gospel. To have received only John's baptism was to abide in the outer court of the revelation of God. The many miracles which were wrought, the brave deeds which were done, the cruel persecutions which were endured, the uplift in faith which broke out in song, the secure entrance into the knowledge of the mind and will of Christ, and the assurance of His presence, were all attained through the baptism of the Holy Spirit. These men were the first to talk about the Opener of Doors.

To them the Holy Spirit was a familiar reality, the Steward, the Administrator of their glorified Saviour, working among them the gracious purposes of their Lord, taking holy men and women into His confidence, telling them His secre qualifying them for service. He w their genius, their ability and insp ation, their wealth and wisdom a strength. Can it be that we ha lost the High Presence—the sense intimacy and assurance and the ha it of inviting and expecting His co fidence?

It was plainly in this intimacy the familiar Spirit of God that t missionary conviction was born wit in the Church. While it does n exclude, it obviously completely sup ersedes something upon which w have become accustomed to set almo all the emphasis. Nothing whatev is said about the obligation they fe for the saving of the lost and t conversion of mankind. This co pulsion which they felt was not th of conscience, but the inevitability an experience of grace within the selves. Paul apparently did not l heavy responsibility upon t churches at Rome, Ephesus, Corin for the conversion of mankind. Why Surely is it not, because if such wor is done only because it ought to b done it will certainly fail? Surely is because the ought of duty becom superfluous when the must of an i evitable and irresistible impulse operative. We hear much about th idea of duty in relation to the giga tic enterprise of missions. Witho belittling it we should have disco ered by this time, that if missionar service is to have life and force in something very different from th reiteration of the idea of responsib ity alone is necessary. It is wh the Church is alive to, and quick wi the life of the Holy Spirit, eage receiving as He opens to them th "other things" of Christ, that mi sions have their inevitable rise, an the Church fulfills her mission i the world.

We read and hear much toda about how there is coming a gre new up-surge in the cause of mi sions because of the fact that so ma of our youth have come into conta

with the fine results. The former savages, the far-away natives, the "fuzzy-wuzzies," these have aided our own, and our own feel their debt to them and to the missionaries who have pioneered among them. We feel that such an experience has validated the cause of missions. Maybe so. It is not amiss, however, to remind ourselves that those men and women in the Acts did not see it like that. They were just as sure of their call, just as sure of Christ's gospel, and of the world's need, at the beginning as at the end. We are apt to make results the ground of our missionary argument. And we do not say that it is not an effective ground. But the conclusion of the early Church about missions was all from above downwards and not from below upwards. They did not deduce missions from observation; they could not deduce them from experience; they deduced them from Christ as the Holy Spirit took of His things and showed them to their responsive hearts. It has always been so with the true missionaries and the true missionary churches. They have not said: "Here is a mad, bad world; let us try Christ on it." They have not gone with the gospel as an experiment. It was the nature and the necessity of the gospel that sent them. They were moved not by the world's need but by God's grace. This is not to say that they were unaware of the need or the opportunity. But along with the meeting of the need and opportunity there was something else, and they felt that "Something Else" was all-important. The pressure of God's Spirit was the thing which must be mentioned when the event was told to others; it was the decisive, all-embracing factor in the situation; the whole thing was really told when the sacred historian puts down the phrase, as he frequently does, "the Spirit said."

And that is the fashion in which God has always been working. He is putting forth His men. They arise with the call of God plainly upon them, the capacity for long visions shining in them. He finds them in a little Syrian community, and lo! Paul and Barnabas are given to make immortal history. He moves in a Jesuit fraternity and Francis Xavier becomes pioneer of the Cross. He is at work in little Christian communities everywhere and now it is a Livingstone or a Mackay or a Paton or a Judson or a Slessor that is thrust forth. Who was it that sent Carey to India, and made him the means of giving the Bible to forty different languages and dialects? Did the church do it? Judge by the antagonism of fifteen years which that single-handed man bravely confronted! Who was it that chose David Livingstone to be the missionary general and explorer of Africa, and took him out of a factory near Glasgow to become the greatest missionary, in some respects, since the days of Paul? Who sent Morrison to China? There never was Divine counsel and wisdom more wonderfully shown in human affairs than in the selection of these men, and hundreds of others that might be mentioned in this more than apostolic succession.

Need, opportunity, present a call. Today brings that call. The need was never greater, the opportunity is not only knocking but it is fairly battering at the door. But let us not forget that which supersedes all else. God has been given; the Spirit is here. He is the Opener of Doors to those who live within range of His Presence. That is the meaning of our yearning for a deeper, higher, holier life, of our upward groping after the highest, of our feeling after some one whom we dimly know to be God. Not a God above us only, infinite, eternal Fatherhood; not a God with us only, Son of Man and Son of God; but a God within us, Life and Spirit, in the secret centers of thought and purpose and desire and will.

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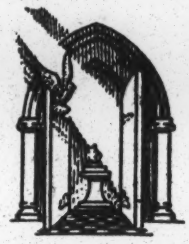
Power in Prayer Groups

By MRS. RAYMOND L. EDIE, Prayer Group Secretary



THE Prayer Group is not a new organization but one that dates back to the time of Christ. The account of that first group is found in the first chapter of the book of The Acts. Before Christ's ascension the apostles were instructed to return to Jerusalem to await the promise of the Father (Luke 24:49), the coming of the Holy Spirit. It was here that power was first manifested.

To recapture the full meaning of that occasion one must turn to the gospels and read the account of the Last Supper which had made the Upper Room long to be remembered by the Apostles. This room was to have a new and deeper significance after they had obeyed the command, "Tarry ye in the city, until ye be clothed with power from on high." There they would recall the words of their Master, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them," and willingly wait for the fulfilment of the promise.

When we assemble in our Prayer Rooms we should feel the sacredness of the occasion, thinking of Christ as our unseen companion, and willingly tarry to receive power to accomplish great things for God's kingdom. We say that we recognize the omnipresence and the omnipotence of Christ, but when we have a direct answer to prayer we are prone to be surprised. We pray but with little faith. Christ, in dealing with the two blind men said, "According to your faith be it unto you." We need strong faith that our prayers can accomplish God's purpose in the lives of others. Power of prayer depends, in no small measure, in the faith of the pray-er.

Mrs. Raymond L. Edie
The New Prayer Group Secretary

POWER OF PRAYER PROVEN

The power of our prayer group cannot be estimated, as that is in the hands of our loving Heavenly Father. God chooses the weak things of the earth, that he may put to shame the things that are strong. The power of Prayer Groups in America has been made manifest in our home and foreign fields. In The Sudan, for example, this power was felt by a girl who fled from school when she first felt the impulse to confess her Saviour. When a Christian friend called upon her to discover the reason for her absence, she related her experiences and finished with these words, "How can I help but become a Christian when everyone is praying for me?" That girl was brought to Christ through the power of prayer. Power of this nature is always waiting release as soon as one here and another there petition that it be sent on its errand of mercy

to definite individuals far removed from the scene of the pray-ers. The late Dr. Jowett wrote, "I can by prayer, become a part of another man, and can go forth with him to his battles and his conquests. I can travel through Mongolia with James Gilmour, and I can help him to be lighthearted in the midst of an appalling task."

A MOTHER RELEASES POWER

There have been many of Jesus' friends who have claimed quietly and humbly an intimate companionship with God in prayer. A striking illustration is found in the story written by Miss Jeannette McCrory of Egypt. Miss McCrory had been laboring with Moslem girls who were desperately in need of a Christian friend. Tactfully she had arranged for special weekly Bible lessons. The results were very discouraging and brought forth tears of disappointment. Miss McCrory turned to her mother in America for help. A letter was soon on its way requesting prayer in these words, "Mother, if ever you awaken at 2 o'clock in the morning over there in Kansas on a certain day in the week, won't you pray definitely for me and this class of girls?"

Weeks passed with the same discouraging results in the class of Moslem girls. Then one day everything was different. It was a day of marvelous victory. Miss McCrory returned to her room with a feeling of great joy, wondering all the time about the reason for the changed attitudes. Of a sudden she remembered the request to her mother some time before. "I wonder," she said to herself, "if Mother had been praying for us." After a time a letter came from America stating, "Jeannette, I remembered your prayer request. One morning I awakened early, at the time you mentioned and for quite a while I gave myself to earnest prayer for you and your class of girls." A Mother's prayer had power to change the heart of girls in the land of Egypt.

POWER NEEDED FOR A NEW ADVENTURE

On Nov. 7, 1944, Miss McCrory wrote another letter to request that some of the Prayer Groups pray for her in a new adventure she is undertaking for Christ in the little village of Mutea, located near Assiut. This time her mother it not here so the request is passed on to others who will spend themselves to purchase the power to aid her to win these young women of Egypt.

Miss McCrory writes: "If ever I have needed the prayers of the church at home I need them now for I am starting out the work here in the Assiut District attacking the evil one in his strongest center. In the village of Mutea the women have been really imprisoned for years; the unmarried women are not allowed to leave their homes even to go to Church until after they are married and many of them are not allowed to go to Church even then. They tell me that some of the women enter the home of their husband on their wedding day and never go out again until they are carried to the cemetery. Now that may not be the exact truth but it is almost as bad as that in many cases. I was there last Sabbath and had meetings with groups of women and groups of men and then at last spoke to the men after Sabbath School about starting adult education classes and teaching the women and girls reading, Bible, sewing and cooking. They are very much interested in my work with the women and also the girls *if* I will go to each house and give individual lessons to each individual girl. Of course I say *no* to that. They say that it is *impossible* to allow the girls to go out of their home. I told them that the greatest thrill of my life I got when I attempted the *impossible* and then watched God work. I told them I would attempt the impossible

in Mutea and we would eventually have a Girls' Club organized there. I told the men my plan about the adult classes and the Girls' Club and told them to think it over and I would come back to talk it over again and see what they were willing to have me do. If they are willing I shall bring the "Ibis" to Mutea and I shall live out there at their village for a week or two and bring some of my Club Girls from Minia and some from Assiut and we will start work for the girls. I may not be permitted to do anything in January but I will not give up until those girls have some freedom if it takes the rest of my missionary life to produce it. Please make this a special matter of prayer in your Prayer Groups." This is a prayer challenge for our prayer Groups and Circles.

The power of a prayer group depends upon purpose and devotion. With dedication of purpose, with a plan for spiritual guidance through the use of the Bible, devotional books, the Prayer Cycle and with a consecrated prayer-group leader, the influence and power of prayer should know no bounds.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

There is an eye that never sleeps
Beneath the wing of night;
There is an ear that never shuts
When sink the beams of light.
There is an arm that never tires
When human strength gives way
There is a love that never fails.
That eye is fixed on seraph throng
That ear is filled with angels' song
That arm upholds the world on high
That love in throned beyond the sky
But there's a power which man can wield
When mortal aid is vain,
That eye, that arm, that love to reach,
That listening ear to gain;
That power is prayer, which soars on high,
And feeds on bliss beyond the sky

—*John Aikman Wallace*

Prayer Poems.

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THE OPENER OF DOORS

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site is the case. To believe in the Holy Spirit means to believe that the power which started the train in the first place is resident in every car which keeps moving. "I am with you always," says Jesus, "not mere-

George Adam Smith tells of travelling across France in company with a young minister. He was a fine young man, cultured, keen, with a fine physical presence. He was going out as a missionary to India. Engaging him in conversation Professor Smith asked him, "Why do you go? Why do you leave home, native land, loved ones to go to minister to a people whom you do not know and have never seen?" After a moment's hesitation that such a question should be asked, the young man quietly replied, "He loved me and gave Himself for me."

"If we live by the Spirit, by the Spirit let us also walk." Aye, there's the rub. We cannot live without Him and then expect guidance from Him. If we want Him, to be our Door Opener, Christ must be the door.

Channels for God's Blessing in India

By MISS HAZEL BENNETT, of India, Now at Sorocco, New Mexico

GOD has been very generous in the way he has supplied the Punjab Church with power for life and service. He has shown that the Holy Spirit's activity may be like fire, errible in its working, sweeping hrough lives, burning away the ross and sin, causing pain and hame and deep contrition, but leavng hearts clean and fit for the Mas-r's service. He has caused springs f living water to burst forth in esert places and changed the barenness there into garden spots of y and gladness. He has supplied ght and warmth as we have let His pirit teach us the deep and precious hings of his Holy Word. He has sed many instruments, vessels, gents, and channels. He has taught s anew, that the eyes of the Lord do ndeed, run to and fro throughout he whole earth that he may show imself strong in behalf of them hose heart is perfect toward him. He has used high and low, rich and oor, city folk and humble villager, chools and prayer rooms, churches, ospitals, homes, tents, and open ields. He has used great gatherngs of his people and he has spoken o some one all alone.

REVIVAL

When I went to India in 1908, everyone was talking about revival and lessing. I heard much of the Sialkot Convention. Many things led up to t. Mr. Lytle had been long burdened for the future of the Church. He aw that unless there was a self-ustaining, self-supporting Church, t would not long endure. His prayer was agony in its earnestness as he bled for the life of his beloved Church. This seemed to complete his part of the service and God took him Home. General Booth, founder of the Salvation army, had been greatly blessed in his own life, and he was filled with the Spirit of God. He came to visit India and a young Church of England, Indian minister, Padri Ehsan Ullah, heard him speak. Deep longing filled the heart of the young hearer and he too, became a Spirit-filled man. He met Mallu Chand and later, Labbhu Mal. They were brought under deep conviction then yielded themselves to the Holy Spirit's fulness. They were students in our Theological Seminary and soon all other students there, were eager for God's richest blessing. In those days, God met and taught Ganda Mal, a fine young minister, and he too, became a Spirit-filled man and a leader in self-support.

SPIRITUAL HUNGER

Many felt a great spiritual hunger and thirst and they talked of this and often prayed together. A number of small prayer retreats were held in the far north, and soon Sialkot Convention came into being. People still talk of the great blessing which came there in 1905. What took place in those days must have been closely related to Luke's account of the day of Pentecost. Men and women, missionaries and Indians were richly richly blessed and endued with new power for life and service. They had been fine, earnest Christians before but now, great new vistas of life and service opened before them. They were on fire for souls and their hearts bled for the need of India. Year by year the convention has grown and great has been its influence and power. It has always been interdenominational. Those who come are from many peoples and grades of society, education, and environment, but here, all are one in Christ Jesus. Christian love and fel-

lowship are to be seen everywhere, and all seem much at home. The spirit of prayer and Christian service abounds.

THE BIBLE CENTRAL

The general committee of twenty-four members, rotates, a few new members coming on each year. Indian Christians and other Missions are well represented on this committee. All come at their own expense and give free service. They plan the work and divide it out to many smaller committees. They also arrange for the programs and speakers. No speaker is called who does not have a unanimous vote. The speakers are very fine and the messages blessed to all. The Bible studies are searching and scholarly yet in language so simple and beautiful, that old and young, educated and uneducated are built up and strengthened. Dr. Labbhu Mal had half of the Bible studies for many years and none could excel him. He went to be with his Lord a few months ago. All his life had been a walk with God.

A number of group meetings are held daily. There is an English meeting where we have all received rich blessing. Special meetings for children are popular and helpful. Many non-Christians come to the night meetings. They listen quietly and reverently. An early morning communion service the last Sabbath, is helpful and impressive.

UPHELD BY PRAYER

Every part of the convention depends upon the prayer of God's people. Two or three prayer rooms are always occupied and often well filled with praying people. Some come with burdens and some come to bear the burdens of others. Many victories of faith have been won in these rooms. Any failure to function in the work of the various committees is reported there. It is wonderful the way God honors the requests of his people. There is much prayer all about the compound also. One often sees heads bowed in prayer.

PRAISE

Song has a big place too. In the first years the Psalms were used exclusively, and they became very popular and much loved in many Missions and Churches other than our own. They still have a large part in convention praises. I am sure your hearts would be stirred could you hear and see those two thousand voices raised in joyful song. There is singing here and there, most of the ten days and nights of the convention. Delegations from city and villages come with banners flying and throats bursting with praise. The fruit of this kind of witness may never be fully valued until we meet to receive the reward for things done in the body.

THE DAILY BREAD

The cafateria food arrangements are remarkably well organized. Dr. Gordon, Miss Corbett and others certainly planned well in those first days and little improvements have been added from time to time. Mealtime is a period of happy fellowship for all. The tent and sanitation committees have very hard jobs but they do them graciously and add much to the comfort of all. Many stay in tents and dormitories and many more sleep on mats in the big tent. There is a grand scramble for shelter when rain comes as it often does that time of year.

SIALKOT MOTHER OF CONVENTIONS

Several other conventions have grown out of this one and these too, exert a great influence. Other closely related agencies are also doing a great work. One week a year is set aside by all Missions and Churches throughout the Punjab and Northwest Frontier province as a time for

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Suggested Devotional Service

For Program Study on "Open Doors"

By MRS. DON P. MONTGOMERY

Devotional Theme for year beginning April 1945: Crossing Thresholds

May: "Crossing the Threshold of Power" Matthew 28:18, 19. (Perhaps you have in your church a door frame used in the "Old Family Album". If so, through it the Christians of the various ages may appear, or they may appear through a regular doorway just as well. Use also a Bible and small cross.)

Scripture Readings: Acts 1:8; Ps. 62:11; Phil. 3:10; Matt. 6:13; Eph. 3:16; I Cor. 2:1-5; I Thes. 1:5; Eph. 3:20. Sing Bible Songs Hymnal 203, first verse.

Leader:

For the space of 40 days Christ appeared intermittently to the disciples and others. But Jesus could not always remain on earth. As a man, He would be able to help only a few people, whom He could gather about Him; as a Divine Spirit, He could reach everyone in the whole world who sought Him. And so with a little group of His disciples, He climbed to the top of the Mount of Olives one day and there He left them in person but not before He had promised them the power of the Holy Spirit.

Christian (in audience)

But what of the power of His life? Did he send it upon his followers?

Leader:

Let Christians through the ages answer your question.

First Spirit (appears in doorway with Bible and cross):

I am Paul, one of the early Christians. Before my conversion, the one thing I fought was the efficacy of the cross and the fact of the resurrection of Jesus. But after my conversion on the Damascus Road my difficulties became doors. Then was I able to say, "Far be it from me to glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ," and when I had prayed that I might know Him and the power of His resurrection I was able to say, "Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept." As I pushed toward Europe obeying the divine commission I met many obstacles; but in spite of persecution, peril, and sword, doors were opened as I felt the power of a resurrected Lord. I tremble to think what it might have meant to the world, had I not accepted my responsibility and been true to my duty. At last I "finished my course" and left the Master's task, still unfinished, to others.

Second Spirit:

I am the Spirit of the Growing Church. We accepted the charge of the great commission with its promise of power (takes Bible), and with it the cross (takes cross), without which we could never have triumphed though it led us through torment and dungeons and martyrdom. Finally the day came when we, too, trusted to those who followed the unfinished task.

Third Spirit:

I am the Spirit of the Middle Ages. How eagerly we took Christ's power and the Cross of Sacrifice (takes Bible and cross). They led us on long pilgrimages and on crusades to wrest the places sacred to the memory of Christ from irreverent hands. We kept our trust through persecution and martyrdom and then transmitted God's power into other hands.

Fourth Spirit:

I am the Spirit of the Christians of the passing generation. Oh, what a precious heritage of power has come down to us at what a cost—the Master's priceless sacrifice and that of all His faithful followers through

ages past. Yes, we could but take the Christ-life in our lives (takes Bible), and knowing too that "He who saves his life shall lose it," we took the cross as well (takes cross). It has not often led us to the dungeon and to a martyr's death but we have dared to stand for right when others mocked us; where service has led we have not stopped for sacrifice. Yet there is so much of evil to be overcome in the world! Now we stand on the threshold and look into the future. Who will accept the trust which we have kept so faithfully? Who will be the transmitters of the power of Christ to future generations? Who today will carry the Word of Life to India with its teeming millions, to darkened Africa, and to the isles of the sea? Jesus has given the commission with the promise of his presence and power. Who will answer the call?

Bible Song Hymnal 233—one verse.

Christian:

Oh Christians of the Past, I hang my head in shame to think that I have ever dared to call myself a Christian. I have not taken Christ into my heart; I have not sacrificed; I have not permitted God's power to work through me. Oh God, Thou hast given thine only begotten Son that we might have life; O Christ, thou who didst pay so great a price that we might be saved; oh noble souls who from generation to generation have obeyed the divine commission, I am unworthy, but I accept the sacred trust (takes Bible), also the challenge of the cross and where it leads I follow (takes cross).

Leader:

"As men down through the ages of Jesus have proved true
And wrought with might and courage the task He bade them do,
They have not toiled unaided, they have not fought alone,
For He who gave the mission will not forsake His own.

"What though our hearts be weary, the pathway dark and rough,
If only Christ has given the task, it is enough.
We need not fear the darkness, nor yet the path unknown,
For He who gives the mission will not forsake His own."

Prayer of Consecration.

Song: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Or perhaps you wish to prepare your devotions following such an outline as this:

The Threshold of Power

I	The Power of the Word of God	The word has power to regenerate	I Peter 1:23
II	The Power of the Blood of Christ	Through His blood we have redemption	Eph. 1:7
III	The Power of the Holy Spirit	The Holy Spirit has power to guide	John 16:13
IV	The Power of Prayer	Prayer has power to bring salvation to others	I John 5:16
V	The Power of a Surrendered Life	The surrendered life will receive the Holy Ghost	Acts 5:32

Mrs. John A. Cotton

By PROFESSOR O. T. ROBINSON, Henderson, N. C.

MRS. Maude Brooks Cotton, widow of the late Dr. J. A. Cotton, died in Chicago, Illinois, February 2, 1945, at the age of seventy-two. Due to ill health, she had gone there to live with her daughter and only child, Mrs. Carol Cotton Bowie.

Mrs. Cotton was born in Oberlin, Ohio, but came to North Carolina at an early age and lived for some time in Goldsboro. Her college work was done at Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tennessee, after which she completed a course in music at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. From here, she returned to Knoxville College as the head of the music department which she headed for several years.

At Knoxville, she met the late Dr. J. A. Cotton whom she married. Oftimes the outstanding work of good men fails to reveal the influence of a good wife. Much of the success of the late Dr. J. A. Cotton was due to the influence of his good wife whose loyalty was beyond all questioning, good.

Dr. John A. Cotton and Mrs. Cotton

Mrs. Cotton did find time to make contributions outside of her home. She was a faithful member of the Women's Missionary Society and represented the Negro work at several of the National meetings of the General Missionary Society. She served as President of the State Parent Teachers' Association for two terms. She was a charter member of the Federation of Women's Clubs of North Carolina and served as a member of the executive board for a number of years. This organization for many years provided the only home for delinquent Negro girls in the state, which meant that many young girls who should have been placed in some other institution would find themselves in some jail. To the credit of the Federation, the state of North Carolina has during the past year taken over the responsibility of providing a home for delinquent girls.

These are a few of the general points at which Mrs. Cotton touched public life. There are countless instances of personal contacts of a benevolent character that the world will never know.

IN APPRECIATION

It was with genuine sorrow that the news of Mrs. John A. Cotton's death was received recently at the Tuesday Morning Prayer Meeting at 209 Ninth Street, Pittsburgh. Many were the kind expressions of sympathy for those of her family who are left to mourn her loss.

When speaking of it further, as the Women's Board of the W.G.M.S.

met in regular session, many members who knew Mrs. Cotton best delighted to recall and relate her fine qualities and good deeds. The hospitality of Dr. and Mrs. Cotton has been outstanding. Many visitors from the Board and from the United Presbyterian Church at large have been the recipients of their kindness and love. Their vision of the Christ on Calvary and of "the fields white unto the harvest" early became the motivating forces of their lives. To their task they brought wisdom, understanding, love, patience, courage and untiring effort. In Convention or Assembly this fine Christian couple brought messages of clean-cut conviction which both stirred and blessed all who listened.

The Cottons may well be called "Landmarks" in the history of the United Presbyterian Church. And it is with gratitude to God for such as these, and with deep appreciation of their lives, that the sorrow of the women of the church is here expressed. Our great encouragement is that the influence of the character and purposes of Dr. and Mrs. Cotton continues in the lives of all who knew them. Appreciation can best be shown by putting energy and devotion into the unfinished task to which they had so nobly dedicated themselves.

The Board of Directors of the W.G.M.S.

CHANNELS FOR GOD'S BLESSING IN INDIA

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special evangelism. Men, women, and children take part in this. Many meetings are held and many homes visited. Thousands of Scripture portions are sold. There is much prayer and heart preparation for this service before it is undertaken. This has brought great blessing to the Church as well as to those who heard the message. Scores of Presbyterial and village Bible schools are held each year. These have meant much to the spiritual life of the Church. A new responsibility, especially on the part of village Christians, for giving the Gospel to non-Christians is marked and very gratifying. Many learn Synod's Bible course of twelve new lessons each year and use this as the basis of their witness. A very vital witness is given at Christmas time when many Christian groups go out through their own and other villages to tell and sing the glad story of the Saviour's birth. City churches are also packed far beyond capacity and they too, give a fine Christmas witness. Many Christians want to learn to read. Their great incentive is that they may be able to read God's Word for themselves. There is still much to be done but God is working among his people. We may well thank him for the past and go forward into the future with courage and assurance.

Peace Proceedings

By MRS. J. RALPH NEALE, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania

FOR many months our sources of information have been filled with items pertaining to peace and its establishment after the present conflict has ceased. Now I want to present a few comments by persons whose ideas are of value wherever presented:

The breakdown and disaster which confront us today prove that this is a moral world overruled by a God who cannot be ultimately frustrated. For many years we have been building a civilization based essentially upon faith in material rather than spiritual values, upon self-seeking rather than brotherhood. . . . Then came the crash of 1914. The world reeled. When we made the peace in 1919 we were still unconvinced. We still believed that the way to power and happiness lay through self-seeking and material acquisition and that spiritual forces could be ignored as inconsequential. . . . Today we face a tremendous challenge. After the active fighting and wholesale destruction have ceased, will we have the understanding and the courage to build the peace upon genuine brotherhood?"

Hon. Francis B. Sayre

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Americans must be as willing as the people of Great Britain to pay the full price for peace. . . . Narrowness, bitterness, old traditions, attitudes must go. Also involved are tariffs, cartels, prices, wages, the rights of labor, of Negro, of Jew and even of women.

Dr. Lena Dadesin Phillips, president of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women

The Peace Plan that will emerge from the coming United Nations Conference will not be perfect, but if it were discarded for that reason the alternative would be another world war. . . . We must seek that which is desirable within the realm of the attainable. The peace plan which will emerge will be the work of human beings and cannot possibly satisfy everbody.

We have every reason to hope that the San Francisco conference will mark one of the really great steps in mankind's efforts to create for itself a world of law and order.

Joseph C. Grew

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Ruth Bryan Owen Rohde worked out a plan for stretching and expanding the United States Constitution. She felt that if our federal structure were just let out at the seams it could be made big enough to fit the world.

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Dean Virginia Gildersleeve of Barnard College declared that she was confident a good plan for world security would be adopted at San Francisco and predicted that no really dangerous compromise will be necessary. Recalling that the Constitution of the United States was the product of compromise and was not viewed as perfect by its framers as a perfect document, Dean Gildersleeve said: "Let us remember this experience when we face the even more difficult task of drawing a constitution for the world and let us go ahead with courage."

Homeward Bound

Some Experiences of a Journey from the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan to U.S.A.

By MISS MARGUERITE McCLELLAN

AFTER weeks of discussions and decisions and waiting and packing and preparation I began my long journey home.

My furlough really began when I reached Cairo, October 28, for although I spent most of my time trying to find a wee space on a tram or a bus so that I could travel about the city attending to passport, censorship, vaccinations and inoculations, and other matters connected with the all-absorbing task of getting off to America, I felt gloriously free from responsibility. Furthermore I was with friends and I was having a grand time. A morning to be remembered was a Sabbath when Sarah Meloy conducted a little tour of the churches for Mr. McCreery, an army nurse and myself. *The four of the nineteen evangelical churches in Cairo which we visited on that morning were all full, not just comfortably so, but really full.*

Finally, on the day before Thanksgiving, the last of our group of United Presbyterians waiting in Cairo—Dr. and Mrs. Dougherty and two daughters of Ethiopia and Miss Laura Wright of Egypt, all of whom had been waiting much longer than I, were informed that there was really a Liberty ship willing to set forth for Alexandria with *ladies* on board. We were warned that we could expect no comforts, that we would have to carry our own baggage, in fact we later had to sign four pages of very fine print all to the effect that we were not expecting a Liberty ship to be just like the luxury liner. But the joyful realization that we were to have transport home made all other considerations of little importance. Miss Finney of Cairo decided to join our party.

Many details had to be attended to on Thanksgiving morning—the final visit to the Legation for letters to the shipping board, which gave us sealed envelopes to the American Express in Cairo and in Alexandria enclosing our instructions for sailing and permission; then we went to the American Express to get our tickets and some American money, and to the censorship office to renew our expired permits for bringing certain things out of the country. Some of us were able to take time to attend the Thanksgiving service in the American Church, and all were present for the dinner on the beautiful lawn of the American Girls College, where more than sixty Americans from the mission, Cairo University, the legation and the armed forces were gathered.

Dr. Martin and Miss Meloy of the American Girls College, where I had been entertained during my month in Cairo, got up early Friday morning to see us off on the train which was to leave at 7 a.m. They expected to send one car to the Fowler Orphanage for the Dougherty family and to take me to the station in the other, but like most cars in the Middle East these days, those two were temperamental because of battery complaints and finally had to be left stubbornly sitting in the driveway while we got into one of the big school buses and frantically rushed over for the Doughertys and then to the station. We had to buy our tickets and by the time we reached the train there was no possible chance of forcing our way in through the entrance at the end of any carriage. Fortunately Miss Wright and Miss Finney had been early enough to get seats and they had saved a spot for me. The four Doughertys with their thirteen pieces of baggage and I with

my three were pushed through the window by our anxious colleagues of the Cairo mission, and the train moved off, the five of us and our sixteen pieces thankfully occupying the space saved for me. It was just one of the impossible things which can be done when it has to be. Later those in the carriage who had third class tickets were cleared out, though what was done with them I am sure I do not know, and by the time we reached Alexandria we were all comfortably seated and had quite regained our dignity.

Our ship, as one has learned to expect of ships, did not leave at the time scheduled, but again we were fortunate to have our own mission friends to offer us hospitality, and we had a pleasant visit with Dr. and Mrs. Moore, Dr. and Mrs. Russell, and Mr. McGeoch and Miss Cabeen from Friday evening until Sabbath morning.

Our final orders were to be at the ship around ten o'clock, so having shown our passports and vaccination papers and presented our baggage for inspection we walked along the wharves of the port. That part of the city had suffered from bombings, and we had seen destroyed buildings and now saw half-submerged vessels.

SHIP AHOY!

When we arrived at the WM. RAWLE our cabins were not yet ready for us and we were told that we would be more comfortable sitting on our suitcases alongside than on board the ship. We had a good chance to study the long narrow lines of the vessel and we noted with some alarm that there were no portholes. Waiting to embark we also got acquainted with the faces of the forty or more passengers and made our conjectures concerning them. We rightly surmised that one man and wife and two little boys were a missionary family; another might have been had they not smoked. They proved to be oil people from Arabia. A Turkish consul and his family and two dogs; an Iranian; an Iraquian; a few Syrians; Jews of various nationalities, mostly refugees; a fat little Greek woman who after living with her husband for one week had been separated from him for seven years; an American of Greek parentage who had been a commando in Greece and was still suffering from the horrors of his experiences; and a number of Armenians, some of whom had been on Musa Dagh and had also been refugees during this war, composed the list.

When our quarters were finally ready and we were told we could go aboard, it was well past noon. We went through a heavy open door, pushed aside three heavy black curtains at the top of the stairs, and went down into the bowels of the ship to what was to be our home during all the hours of darkness for one month. Our first desire was for food, and we were served an excellent dinner, cafeteria style, on trays such as are used in army camps. We sat on backless benches below deck and inside life rafts on deck. Not until Tuesday afternoon did we leave dock for what proved to be a pleasant voyage.

FOUR DAYS ASHORE

More than any other part of the journey I enjoyed the four days spent on *land*—in the Naval Base of Arzew, where we waited for our convoy. We could get off the ship and spend our walking hours wandering through the little town or sitting in the sun in a secluded spot near the sea. We went to R.A.F. entertainment given for the sailors one night, and on Sabbath we attended the services in camp. The service which did not interfere with our 11:30 dinner hour was at a camp two miles out along the sea, so some of us went there. There was one in the hall within a few minutes' walk off the ship at 11.

Two of the boys whom we met were interested in missions and visited us later on the ship.

CHRISTMAS

Planning for our Christmas festivities began in Arzew when a Jewish couple secured pine branches for a tree, the sailors of the base gave for the littlest children Mickey Mouse toys such as they were making for the children of the village, and some passengers bought what they could from the pathetically little which the town had to offer of gifts for children. The chaplain of the base asked for garments from the passengers, as not one thing which could be used for clothing could be bought in Arzew, and they needed clothing to give out at their Christmas party for the children. Every Naval Base gives a party for the little ones of the place where they are located at Christmas time.

We celebrated with a lovely service and carol singing on Sabbath morning, the Christmas tree with Red Cross gifts for sailors and marines on Christmas Eve, and with a party with games on Christmas night. A missionary from the Transjordan had charge of the service, as he did every Sabbath morning of the voyage, and his wife played the accordion. A young Jewish girl was the Santa Claus. The greatest thrill of the season, however, was experienced when destroyers with sailors on deck singing Christmas carols, wove in and out among the sixty ships of the convoy. The carols sounded wonderful, and made us realize what a lasting legacy we have in those moving stories of God's love.

A STORM AT SEA

But it was a tornado with a 500 mile orbit which caused the greatest excitement, and certainly the most concern of our month at sea. At 2 o'clock in the morning everything on our normally noisy ship began to creak and groan and crash as never before, and we had to hang on to the sides of our cots to keep from falling off. Miss Finney, Miss Wright and I, like many other passengers, had blanketed off a corner of the part of the ship which had been used for troops, because we had found our otherwise comfortable cabins stuffy and overcrowded. Into our improvised stateroom slid suitcases, men's hose, ladies shoes, books, bottles, cups and brushes. Chains rattled, bottles and glasses clashed; life rafts above our heads banged about without ceasing. Any effort to walk gave one sympathy for a thoroughly drunk man. When breakfast time came no bell was rung, but those who wanted them found bread, butter and coffee on the table. At noon and at night we were served food which did not have to be cooked and no cooking vessels would stay on the stove. We stood to eat inside the upturned benches, which were chained to the stationery table legs. At night we went back to our cabins to sleep, for the beds there had bars along the side. Even when I hung onto the bars I slid from the foot to the head of the bed with every motion of the ship. Gradually the sea became calmer, and each time I wakened I noticed that there was less motion, and never did I give more fervent thanks to God for the cessation of a storm.

I am frequently asked this question: "Are you going back?" Yes, but I do not know when or how.

Good News from Far Countries

India

MRS. JOSEPH ALTER, Editor, Sialkot, India

OUR CHRISTIAN GUEST

By MISS JEANETTE M. HOWLAND
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Dr. R. J. Cox, for many years the doctor in the Afghan Mission hospital in Peshawar in the Frontier Province of India has described the Khyber and its people thus:

"There can be no more sudden and startling change in the character of landscape than confronts the visitor, who, from the Indus valley, enters the cruel jaws of the Khyber Pass. He is struck with the abruptness of the transition from the fields and gardens, the wells and roads and villages of India to the chaos of towering heights, barren and defiant, which hide the homes of the free and independent Afridi and Shinwari clans. These fiercely fanatical and warlike tribesmen, living in these arid surroundings, have been looking down on the rich cities and well-watered plains of India and saying to themselves:

'The mountain sheep is sweeter,
But the valley sheep is fatter;
We therefore think it meeter
To carry off the latter.'

And this is precisely what they have been doing for a thousand years. Every peak and gully of this debatable land of rocks has a history of feud and battle and it costs India $12,000,000, annually to prevent and put down tribal disturbances and punish raiding into the administered territories of India."

It was from a background like this that our Christmas guests came. He had been very clever with his gun, and several times a murderer, a man much given to the use of opium. But the grace of God reached down and picked him out of it all. In His goodness he was brought in contact with those who showed him love, who led him to know Christ through His Word which he could read. As he read his heart was gripped and his thoughts were led away from the rough cruel things of the world on which it was so used to dwell, to that One who is the Light of the World. He has had many hard grips with the evil one as he has tried to give up his use of opium. He has had to learn to support himself and his little daughter by going about here and there grinding knives. He put his daughter in a Boarding School for two years, but finally loneliness for her overcame his better judgment and he took her out to live with him and cook his food. They still live in a far-away mountain village where no one else knows the Love that they have found.

It was arranged that they should spend Christmas with us that they might have the experience of celebrating the Saviour's birth with others who know and love Him. It was a joy to hear them read the Word and to see their faces light up as they did so. It was truly to them as he said, "their food and drink". To how many Christians does Christmas mean just having a good time with lots of good things to eat and the receiving of beautiful gifts, but not to these two lonely ones. To them it meant a real fellowship with Christ Himself and a very deep sense of worshipping Him in spirit and in truth. On Christmas morning they received their gifts with the others on our compound, but these were minor things to them compared with the great gift of God which they had in their hearts. They were so happy to meet in God's house on that day

with His people and bring their gifts of praise and adoration. On the day after Christmas when our people gathered for a time of social fellowship these were two of the happiest there. How that father's hard, rough face beamed with praise and joy as his daughter recited a poem about the birth of Christ which she has remembered from her boarding school days.

Now they have gone back to their lonely mountain village and it may be long before they will meet anyone again who knows their Saviour, but they have Him with them and He knows their loneliness and temptations and difficulties of living in that wicked village. Our prayers and our interest go with them in a new way and we hope that many of you who read this may be led to uphold them by your prayers, too.

Janette M. Howland

IN CAMP

Our little seven year old was prostrate with rheumatic fever in May and the last four months has daily bad temperature. Having Dr. Vroon 200 miles away with his own baby girl also in serious condition with rheumatic fever and having no American trained doctor in Sialkot has held back Ida's recovery as no doctor here knows the rheumatic heart condition. Providentially Dr. Fleming, a Canadian doctor came Dec. 1st, to Sialkot. She knows the disease and the treatment and Ida is now under quiet treatment in the hospital. We have hopes for her recovery after months of illness. This is the cross all of us have to bear without doctors near. The 199 beds in the hospital are full. It is very hard to see a little one suffer and be helpless!

Yesterday I broke all records with 100 village children in the Ainiwali Bible School. There were 63 girls and 136 boys under 12. About 35 boys and girls were from our Mission School, the rest illiterate. We had three teachers besides myself and by using Punjabi action songs we quieted them. They learned John 3:16 and one class acted out for us the Conversion of Saul on the Road of Damascus.

This children's group was outside the meeting tent and was carried on while the Adult Classes were meeting. Such a large group of Christian children attracted over 100 non-Christian children and about that number of non-Christian adults.

"A little child shall lead them" always occurs to me when an utterly devout ragged little boy repeats scripture or sings of his beloved Jesus. This is Child Evangelism within the Church and through the children to non-Christians.

Mrs. J. C. Alter

Egypt

MRS. W. J. SKELLIE, Editor, Luxor, Egypt

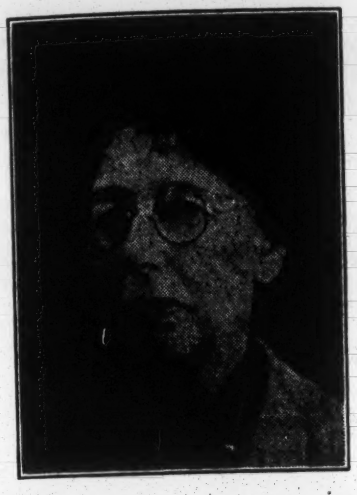
MISS BALLENY, AN UNSUNG HERO

By MISS ANNA CRISWELL

The readers of the Magazine are acquainted with their missionaries, whose names appear regularly on the last page. All are known to some of you personally and your interest and prayers help to make their work a success. But only a few of you know the unsung heroes who have contributed so much to the mission schools of Egypt. I refer to the short term missionaries who have come in response to God's call to help lead the girls of this land into a better and fuller life.

The P.M.I. has had many of these workers and a few have given almost a life time of service. Miss Mary Work, now of New Wilmington, Pa., gave 34 years of faithful

service as a teacher of English. Miss Liggitt came first in 1907 as a teacher of piano and after an interval in America returned in 1925 and is still with us. Another such worker is Miss Margaret Gamble who served in



Miss Elizabeth Balleny, who gave 25 years of service to the girls of Egypt.

the Mission children's school, Assiut Hospital and then the P.M.I.

The worker whom I wish especially to mention is Miss Elizabeth Balleny who has just left us to join her sister in Dumfries, Scotland. For 25 years she has served the school most devotedly and at the same time has provided all her own expenses.

Miss Balleny is a cousin of Miss Rena Hogg, our beloved senior missionary, with whom she has made her home. She came to act as secretary and in addition always taught a Bible class. But other tasks were often asked of her and she accepted them gladly. Sometimes it would be an English or a French class or a piano pupil. Once she took over a drill class for which she made laborious and laughable preparation in her room. Like a true missionary she was willing for whatever work had to be done. Printing the names on the diplomas, entertaining her Bible class, visiting a sick servant or attending a long wedding ceremony were all a part of the life she had come to live.

We will all remember Miss Balleny for her sense of humor and her kindly spirit. She could forget as well as forgive, and self was always put in the background. Many of you will remember her for the vivid descriptions she gave of your scholarship girls and their life at P.M.I. A well chosen word or the turn of a phrase would make the picture real. The light shades and the dark were there for she knew the meaning of both. The school, the mission life, the girls were all a reality to her, something worth giving all ones life and talents for. Teachers and servants and pupils were individuals to be known personally and helped.

Miss Balleny was generous to a fault, and was always ready with a gift for the one in need. Even when war conditions cut her income cruelly her generosity never failed. Personal expenses were reduced to a minimum but a needy call was never refused. With all the economies necessary she always appeared very up to date and was the envy of her coworkers.

A large group of Egyptian and American and English friends gathered at the Assiut station that day in May when she started on her long journey home. We knew she would not return in body again, but we know also that her heart and her prayers would always be with us. Truly she poured out her cruise of precious ointment at the Master's feet in Egypt and its fragrance continues to refresh and inspire.

Miss Criswell.

A SONG OF PRAISE

By MISS MARGARET A. BELL, Fayoum, Egypt

"The lovingkindness of the Lord endureth continually", is the song of my grateful heart. Many have been the problems and perplexities which have been met since my first arrival in the valley of the Nile, in November 1901. However, I can say, "He abideth faithful" for it has been my privilege to see His promises fulfilled and to know of many answered prayers.

During these recent War years, we have realized more fully than ever before how absolutely dependent we are on the care and help of our loving Heavenly Father. First, with respect to workers. Fellow missionaries unable to return, we were more than ever dependent on our experienced Egyptian helpers. And young women of their high quality were being sought for the various War Services. One of our teachers was repeatedly urged by her girl friends to go with them and join one of these groups. Their argument was that she would treble her salary. She wrote me, "I refused many times. Now they know I mean it. They know nothing of the joy we have in the service of the Lord."

How very glad we have been to welcome again to Egypt some of our workers who had been detained at home for so long. However, they are too few to permit delayed furloughs of missionaries now on the field. We desperately need more missionaries from home; both those who come to study Arabic and serve as regular missionaries and also short-term missionaries. The need is so great that we long that more of our splendidly trained young people at home, may come out here and enter these doors of opportunity, and be the means in the hands of Our Master in leading young life into the work of His Kingdom. Our children are safe only when they are in the center of the will of God for them. To whom is He calling in your home or in your church? Shall we not give these "called ones" the help of our prayers?

We give thanks for the supply of our daily needs. No one will claim that any success has been attained in the attempt at rationing in this land. There have been times when we scarcely knew what to do, but difficulties were removed, and our needs for both food and clothing,—for ourselves and for our Egyptian fellow workers,—were supplied.

Our Lord has given us encouragement in the work of His Kingdom here in Fayoum. At a recent Communion service, twelve young people united with our church on profession of their faith, and there were sixteen re-dedications to the service of our Master. It was a glad day for all of us. Another encouragement was a very special answer to prayer. The son of one of our elders had just completed medical school when the war reached this part of the world. He joined a medical unit in the British Army and worked right along through the North African campaigns, and on into Italy. He was a nice boy but had never really been converted. Last spring his work had earned him the honor of going with his unit for front line duty. It was then that he realized that bravado was not enough, and cried from the depths of his heart for the peace and the help he needed. His prayer was immediately answered. Some time later, his front line duty accomplished and his unit again established in a quiet sector, the young Egyptian doctor lost no time in writing his parents of his wonderful experience. His letter arrived here on the day of the Women's Prayer Meeting. His dear mother, with tears streaming down over her shining face, tried to tell what her son had written. She couldn't, so taking the precious letter out of her bag, she shared it with those who had been praying for her son's safety.

"As soon as I prayed, and I mean *Prayed*", he wrote, "the answer came, and I was not afraid. Never was my hand steadier nor my mind calmer for my work. There was One with me who was keeping me, and I want my life always to be worthy of His abiding presence. I'll join the church, Mother, as soon as I get home and help in my Lord's work in every way I can."

As we review years of work in this land, we realize how often and how deeply we have felt our need for the

right spirit in our service for our Lord. In every foreign Mission field there is a steady pull to minister to material needs. And it must be done. Because physical needs are so desperate, we can do most to relieve them by giving with the material help, the good news of Him who is their Helper as well as ours. When we give the "cup of cold water", it must be done "in His Name" to be of greatest help to the one who receives as well as to the giver. Our intimacy with Him is the measure of our success in relieving the distress all about us. He is able. Herein is your chance to help. It is no farther from you to the Source than it is from us. Shall we not all continue to pray for clean hearts to receive the fullness of His Spirit which changes weary plodding to glad running on His errands of love and makes drudgery turn to joy in the lives of all who share in the work of His Kingdom.

ASSIUT HOSPITAL

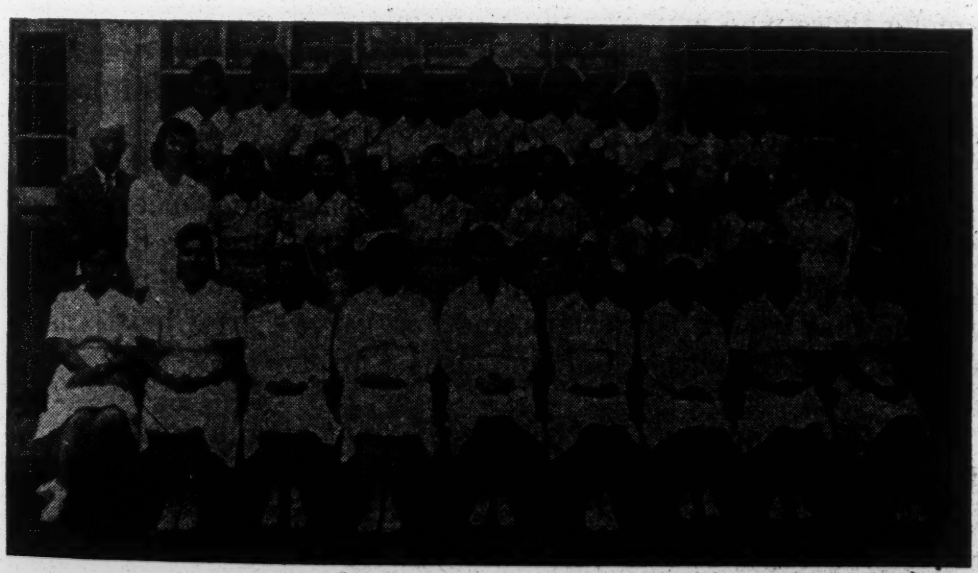
By HELEN R. BROWNLEE, R.N., Assiut, Egypt

Through all of the war we have been most happy in Egypt that we have been able to go right on with our work, and while it has been hard to get some supplies we have always managed to get the essential things. It is of course the things that come from America that are hard to get. We have an order in now which I hope will get here within the next six months. If the medicine glasses do not get here by that time we may have to take bottles around to the patients and give each one a mouthful! I wonder if civilian hospitals at home can get penicillin. We are thrilled at being able to get some each month—enough to treat three or four cases.

When Dr. Reed got here at Association time he brought us the good news that we can expect our American nurses soon. It is wonderful that our Egyptian nurses have been able to carry on so much of the work of the hospital and we want them to continue to do so but we are sadly in need of more American nurses.

We have ten head nurses on our staff now; there are fifteen students in our Training School. The accompanying picture shows our whole staff—Dr. McClanahan at the left and Dr. Sami at the right.

The last two or three years have been the busiest we have had for a long time. People seem to have more money these days and are able to afford hospital care.



Hospital Staff, Assiut, Egypt, Helen Brownlee, R.N., Superintendent in center of front row, Mr. McClanahan at left and Dr. Sami at right.

President's Page

No definite word has as yet been received in regard to the holding of the annual Convention of the Women's General Missionary Society, in Tarkio, Missouri, June 15-18. The suspense is just one more of the many things that we, as Christian Women, must accept patiently and with steadfast hope and faith.

We believe that all things work together for good to those who love the Lord, and so will that be true, whatever the final decision of those who have the power to say whether we shall or shall not have our much looked forward to Convention. We must "fret not" while waiting and when the word comes we must go forth more zealously than ever. If the word is "yes," we will have to work twice as hard to finish our preparations in the short time that remains. If the word is "no," then it is a double challenge to each one of us who would have gone to the Convention to quicken the interest of others in the cause of missions in our individual missionary societies, and to try to make up with our own enthusiasm what we will necessarily lose in not being able to bring back the inspiration which we would receive at the Convention.

Anticipation of something fine and worthwhile is always pleasant and in case we have to keep on anticipating our Convention for another year, we can use those extra months not only in eagerly looking forward to it, but for more thorough preparation and in more fervent prayer.

Each one of us can not only seek to acquire a deeper conception of missionary work ourselves, but also try to win more converts to the ever increasing need of missions. The more enthusiastic we ourselves are, the better we can help to stimulate more interest among others, especially among those who may already be members of missionary societies.

In all our every day lives we can be diligent, not slothful, serving the Lord with gladness.

May we not be downhearted by the worries and uncertainties of the day, but may "we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope." Let us rejoice that we *are* Christians and *because* we are Christians may our lives be a constant witnessing for Jesus Christ.

"Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

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POWER AND PROGRESS

Near the beginning of the present century, when China was in the throes of a great struggle, the young emperor, whose name has long since been forgotten, attempted to introduce some modern things into the empire. He decided to have a railroad. According to the story told by a missionary, he had a small railroad laid in the palace grounds and a complete little train with engine and cars built and men trained as he thought, to run a train.

A day was set for a demonstration; all the dignitaries of the realm, and all the foreign folk were invited. The day came; the crowds came for what was expected to be the most spectacular event in the whole land. The engineer took his seat, the little engine began to puff merrily but refused to move forward. The engineer confused, excited, embarrassd, examined everything, urged his engine but it only made noise and refused to go. He did not know how to apply the power! The emperor was determined that the train should go; he had large numbers of coolies called who ran along side the train and pushed it around and around the palace ground, much to the joy of the general populace, to the merriment of the foreigners and to chagrin of the emperor.

In a way this seems a parable of much of our Christian work—of our society work. The mechanical parts are well nigh perfect, the organization is complete. Every detail has been arranged, with instructions for every officer and committee but so much of the time while the engine seems to be working there is no movement forward. We seem like the coolies pushing, using all our human energy but the real Power is lacking.

If we learn anything from the Acts of the Apostles it must be that their strength did not lie in their brilliant minds, their educated officers, their efficient plans, but in using the power given on the day of Pentecost. If the post war world needs one thing above another it is the release of power through the church of Jesus Christ.

We note how the early church grew rapidly. It was a Spirit-filled church.

"There were added unto them in that day about *three thousand souls.*" Acts 2:41.

"The number of the men came to be about *five thousand.*" Acts 4:4.

". . . Added to the Lord *multitudes* both of men and women." Acts 5:14.

"The number of the disciples *multiplied* in Jerusalem exceedingly, and a *great company* of the priests were obedient to the faith." Acts 6:7.

"The *multitudes* (in Samaria) gave heed with on accord unto the things that were spoken." Acts 8:6.

"And *all* that dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord." Acts 9:35.

"It became known throughout all Joppa; and *many* believed on the Lord." Acts 9:42.

"While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on *all* them which heard the word." Acts 10:44.

"And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a *great number* that believed, turned unto the Lord." Acts 11:21.

"And the next Sabbath almost the *whole city* was gathered together to hear the word of God." Acts 13:44.

"The churches . . . *increased in number* daily." Acts 16:5.

"These that have turned *the world* upside down are come hither also." Acts 17:6.

"So *mightily* grew the word of the Lord and prevailed." Acts 10:18-20.

Would we like to see these things repeated in our community?

Dr. John Macneal said: "It is positively painful to see the substitutes that are being tried today (more than fifty years ago) for the power of the Holy Ghost. . . . The trouble is that the churches have lost their way to the 'Upper Room.' Let the church only find her way back there and obtain her Pentecost; let pulpit and pew be baptized with the Holy Ghost and *with fire,* and the people will come running in to see the burning. . . . We cannot improve on Pentecost's methods for reaching the masses."

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The Board of Directors of the Women's General Missionary Society has accepted with deep regret the resignation of Mrs. A. J. Randles which she was compelled by circumstances to submit. The Board was very reluctant to take this action, particularly because Mrs. Randles' trip to the foreign fields made her a valuable member. She has served nearly thirteen years, most of that time as Literature Secretary, and since last fall as Foreign Secretary. Mrs. Arthur B. McBride, also of long experience on the Board, was elected to the office of Foreign Secretary.

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NEW SOCIETIES

Muskingum Presbyterial — 1st Cambridge Teen Age Circle—12 members—Pres. Martha Jean Hall.

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Monongahela Presbyterial—Oakmont Young Women's Missionary Society—12 members—Pres. Mrs. Betty Agey.

This last society has been organized for several months but this is the first opportunity afforded the Magazine to announce it. If the sponsor of the new organization or the president or some other interested party would give all the necessary facts for publication at the earliest possible moment after the society begins to function, we should be very glad to introduce it to our readers.

Will you remember to state the exact name of the organization, the name and address of the president and the number of charter members. Every year there are societies that omit the membership, both in societies new and old. Please make special note of these points!

Does your presbyterial have a new organization it has not reported? It has been learned by the "grape-vine route" that there are some that have no notification as yet. In the coming year will you not be very prompt in giving the facts. New societies like to see their names in print!

SAFEGUARDS! ARE THEY NEEDED?

It is becoming more and more necessary for one to establish safeguards for the protection of life and property. Great industrial concerns use every means for this purpose. Protection is afforded for the worker who is employed within close range of cogs, saws, knives, and other dangerous machinery.

Winter weather brings its toll of accidents on sidewalks, steps and streets, so property owners provide themselves with insurance to cover any charges. Employees also are safeguarded by the managers taking out compensation insurance to care for accident or illness. And so the list multiplies.

The physical man has been hedged about by safety laws. Children and youth have thought bestowed on them in the Child Labor Laws. The rule to care for the mental side of childhood is found in compulsory school laws,—certain years to be set aside wherein to acquire literacy and technical and professional training. This is all very good.

As to moral safeguards, the Ten Commandments still hold good, but how they are being set aside by the meanings which selfish people read

nto them! Just try to establish the afeguard of sobriety, cleanness of hought and life—protection from human vultures,"—and hear "night ife" rise up and say that such curailment is hurting its business, robbing its coffers!

Are safeguards needed? Recently t was announced over radio that 800 een age girls were being lost every week! Should this rate of loss to decent and worthwhile living keep up, what about the homes of tomorrow? Sodden, bedraggled womanhood to be the mothers of tomorrow's children in fair, liberty-loving America? Can this be the truth?

And if it be true that the manhood of a nation is fashioned by its woman-hood—no nation rises any higher than its womanhood we are told—to what depths will America have descended if this falling away of America's girlhood *and* its boyhood is not stopped,—and that right soon!

What do you think must be the type of mind and life of the men and women who deliberately foist evil on youth by law, precept and example, and continue to call themselves intelligent American citizens? And this is being done, not only in low but in high places.

Even some Christians forget the value of spiritual safeguards for their children. They cannot—or do not—find time to gather the youth of the church into organizations that have their best interests at heart. Should not such people ponder the words of Judah, charged with the safe-keeping of his youngest brother, Benjamin, who was to be left as a hostage down in Egypt at the insistence of the unknown brother, Joseph,—you know the story—when Judah said, "How shall I go up to my father and the lad be not with me!"

What safeguards are our congregations using to protect the youth of their parishes? How faithfully is the business of the church kept before the young people? Are the youth finding a place in missionary t r a i n i n g? Organize missionary groups,—mixed—boys and girls, or just girls. Safeguard them by educating their minds and hearts in becoming builders in Christ's Kingdom. If this be faithfully done, many young people will be saved from "wild oats sowing" and will sow only good seed, worthy of a final "Well done!"

YOUNG WOMEN'S SPECIAL COLUMN

BIBLE WOMEN'S WORK IN THE SUDAN

Miss Mary E. Coie, one of our Special workers, whose place of service is in the North Sudan, is now home on furlough. She very kindly furnished us with some copy telling somewhat of the type of work in which she is engaged.

TEACHERS

Miss Coie has received inquiry as to her work. She said, "I sometimes think that my specialty is 'pinch-hitting', as I have filled-in in so many places. The greater part of my missionary life has been in school work, fifteen years altogether in Khartoum North G.B.S. and five years at Wadi Halfa.

"For four years now I have been charged with evangelistic work among the women in the homes in Omdurman,—work formerly carried on by Miss Verna Pillow. Since her return to the field there are only two people to do the work of four persons. These two supervise the work in seven towns and carry on the work in the Christian Training Home school.

"There is a group of women in each of these seven towns to which we go except in Khartoum, which is managed by the Khartoum North group. For five days a week these girls go to definite homes, a different route for each teacher each day, as pupils receive lessons only once a week. In Khartoum, Khartoum North and Wad Medani where the American supervisors are located,

there is a car in which the supervisor takes the teachers to work each day, depositing them at the first house on each of the routes. She accompanies the last teacher in her work and when this teacher has finished, they go back and collect the teachers from the last house on each route. Thus the supervisor attempts, and often manages to see every home and pupil of her group of teachers once a month. But what of the towns where the supervisor can visit only once or, at most, twice a year? The teachers ministering to such towns walk long distances in heavy sand, or where possible, take a taxi to farthest house for each, then they walk back; or they go by bicycle, tram or bus to a point as near to their work as they can, and then walk the remaining distance.

"I want to tell you more about the teachers themselves. We have twenty-three young women who form our teaching staff for seven towns. They vary as to age and talents. One is a grandmother; some are very young, just starting in the Christian Training Home school work; in fact, they are too young to go into the homes alone. Some have finished the course of training, had some experience, and are bearing the burden and heat of the day. Others are veterans who not only can be depended upon to carry heavy burdens in every day toil, but also to advance into new work and new fields. One has been trained to teach all the first classes of the Christian Training school, to do translation work, and to train teachers how to present the lessons when they eventually come before their pupils; that is, she teaches the course of Bible lessons to the young teachers which they in turn will use as they go to their pupils in the homes."

THE PUPILS

"Our pupils come from all classes, from the very rich and the very poor, but mostly from the great middle class. During my yearly visit of supervision to the two workers and the work in Port Sudan, I was taken upstairs in an immense place, conducted down a long corridor through a large court where six or eight women were sitting about, each on her own rug as a base, preparing their morning meal. Finally I was ushered into a smaller room furnished with rich rugs, chairs, tables, dishes, and everything which spelled wealth. Here there was a class of six young women about sixteen or eighteen years of age. The lesson proceeded among the group seated about the table, the teacher at its head and I sitting against the wall on the side-line. Presently I was quite surprised when an old white-haired woman as broad as she was long 'rolled in' and, seating herself beside me, addressed me in English! Then she began to chat with me about the girls and their lessons. I supposed that after the six words in English she would be sunk, but not she. She told me of going as a bride with her husband to Manchester, England, and insisting on learning to speak English. I asked if she read or wrote English? She replied that she did not, nor did she read or write her own language. She continued, 'It was a mistake that I did not learn when I was young, and I tell my granddaughters that they are not going to make the same mistake!'

"Many years before her husband had been a carriage driver in Port Sudan when a ship was sunk in the harbor. Without examining it, the Government sold the salvaged freight at auction. The old man bought it for a mere song and, among other things, found that he had purchased a box of silver bullion and thus has been on Easy Street ever since. He owns half the town!

"Figuratively speaking, the other half of the town is owned by the father of some of our other pupils. They are so secluded that, although their relatives live only two blocks down the street, they can go to visit

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Girls' Circle

By MRS. JAMES R. LEE, Bellerose, New York

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOR GIRLS & YOUNG WOMEN

"The Guide to the Doors."

(*The Holy Spirit*)

The term "Holy Ghost" found frequently in the King James Version of the New Testament, or "Holy Spirit" as the American Standard Version reads, is somewhat vague in the minds of many people. Yet the name should be very precious to us and probably would be if we thought of the Holy Spirit as the part of God's activity in which he guides our minds, illumines our understanding and makes us conscious of His will. Whenever a Christian is led to do a godly thing, to make a worthy sacrifice or to contribute in any real way to the wellbeing of his fellowmen we can be sure that the Holy Spirit has been at work. People who set out upon the Christian road need to be very careful that they grow in sensitiveness to such leading. Never was a door to Christian service opened without the Holy Spirit of God being the guide to that door.

One of the most important parts of effective prayer is the recognition of the need for this guiding Spirit. Men of many lands recognize it,—such as the African praying, "Lord Jesus, you be the needle and I will be the cotton thread. You go through first and I will follow wherever you may lead."* Or this from Ceylon,—"When all the strings of my life be tuned, O Master, then at every touch of thine shall come out the music of Love."* Or this from China,—"Oh, Creator, Creator, I, a youth stand before you, humbly asking your guidance, urgently seeking your wisdom and power. Listen to our little sound. Our life is but a moment compared to endless time. The intelligence of human beings is limited and soul weak, yet you really love us, share your abundance with us. . . . This youth's heart is opening. I beg you now enter, brighten and clean this soul, let him have enthusiasm to serve others, his character become nearer to yours day by day."

Invitation

Print on a white card: "GOD WITHIN US".

Place, Date, etc.

Program

Roll call words: Scripture passages in which "the Holy Spirit" is spoken of, especially as guiding into opportunity.

Have at least three or four girls prepared with illustrations of people feeling that God guides them into His work by His Spirit,—

Such as the story of Miss Tena Halkeboer, missionary of the Reformed Church in South China:

"Many people have asked me, 'Is it not dangerous to go back at this time?' . . . My answer invariably is, 'What about our boys? Are they not taking risks for the sake of our country? And should we not be willing to pay the price as readily for the sake of the kingdom of God?

"I am going back therefore, come what may, because night and day I hear the voice of China calling; the government of China, the church of China, our missionaries over there, China's millions—all of them beseeching us to come over and help. And in the call of China I hear the call of God."

"Christian World Facts, 1944-45".

*From "The World at One in Prayer".

Home Missions Department

MRS. EDGAR B. MURDOCH, Secretary, 4 Wilmont St., Washington, Pa.

"CALIFORNIA HERE I COME."

This is the phrase that seems to reverberate through our mountains, from the valleys and the many waste places that are "blossoming like the rose" with a people that have come from all the states in the union to secure war jobs in one of our essential industries.

I am privileged to serve in an area which accommodates employees in the Long Beach plant of the Douglas Aircraft Co., Inc., employing some 20,000 workers, and in the California Ship Yards. I have Bible clubs for children in three areas known as San Antonio Heights, Silva Park and a government project called Carmelitos. In the latter there are 1,800 children. We are most grateful for the cooperation of the manager and his staff in securing for us the use of the Community Hall, which was filled to capacity the first day. We may have to move to a larger room. Only the children of this project are permitted to attend here.

Bible Clubs in the homes of the children seem to be God's own special provision for times and areas like these where there are no available buildings and priority restrictions prevent building. My own inadequacy for such a great task forced me to acknowledge dependency upon God for guidance and blessing at every step. He has gone before opening the homes and the hearts of the children of that neighborhood for one hour a week for an evangelistic program. We have choruses, a period of prayer, a Bible story with the use of a felt-o-gram board and picture cut-outs, concluding with an object lesson and invitation to accept Christ as a personal Saviour. Memory work is also made attractive with visual aid. Our eighty weekday clubs, taught by Mr. and Mrs. Beattie, (pastor and wife), two other part time teachers and myself, have gone on largely unaffected by abnormal war time conditions, and tire and gas rationing. More homes are open for classes if leadership could be secured. The weekly average attendance has been 370 children.

I welcome the challenge of the modern child who wants to know God in a very personal way, here and now, or else has very little use for Him. The youth of our day has real problems which bewilder him and he needs desperately a Saviour "Who knows, Who loves, Who cares". When mother and father are forsaking him, it is an ever abiding joy to bring him to the One Who has promised "to take him up." While setting up my materials for teaching one day the children were boasting about how many fathers and mothers they had. Very few have the security, peace and happiness, their inherited right, that a Christian home affords.

The moments of fellowship in prayer reveal the deep cries of these little hearts as they pray that daddy and mother may be reunited, that "daddy and mother may love God and be kind to each other and to me", that parents may be delivered from evil habits in their lives. One ten-year-old boy said, "I never prayed until I started to Bible Club, now I never go to bed without praying." A little sirl said, "I never would have found my way around the Bible if I hadn't come to Bible Club and Sunday school." On Sabbath morning she gets up and gets breakfast for herself and little brother and comes from Silva Park to Bible school in San Antonio Heights. One mother in an irreligious home frequently calls me in to talk about her seven year old daughter. She said, "Donna Lee never will go to bed without praying. I never taught her to pray. She will not let us eat without a blessing." I now have a Club in that

home. This is just one of many experiences that teach us that the best and quickest way to reach the adult population of these areas is through the children.

A parsonage was purchased for our pastor and wife Rev. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Beattie which is occupied from kitchen to bedroom with various age groups every Sabbath Morning for Bible study. I hold the Primary Department in the garage, having an enrollment of fifty, mostly recruited from the Bible Clubs. Worship service is also conducted in the morning and a youth program in the evening.

The roots of evil lie in the human heart. We must change what is in the heart of men if we are to have lasting peace. And where is this education of peace to start if not in the hearts of the children? If we thus dedicate our lives to the salvation of the youth God's promise will be fulfilled, "All thy children shall be taught of the Lord, great shall be the peace of thy children."

Ruth E. Findley.

WESTLAND PENNSYLVANIA MISSION

It is a quiet Wednesday evening and as I walk down the road to our Prayer Service, which is to be held in one of our homes, with my basket of Bibles and song books, I look over the houses nestled together in the moonlight,—the houses that are the homes of these mining people. The smoke is rising from the chimneys into the still winter evening. Homes mean people; people with their problems, their heartaches, and their joys. And I feel anew the responsibility of the Church, our little Mission Church here, to serve these people and help them to know Christ Who alone can solve their many problems, ease their heartaches, and give them joy. Only a part of these people are connected with our Church, perhaps less than a third, but we are here to serve everyone and to be a Light in the camp.

It is another Wednesday evening, a little later. The people are coming up the road to the lighted church. It is the second week of our Revival Meetings. The service opens with singing and prayer. Then our attention is drawn to a large blue star at the front. It is about six feet high and on it are fifty red and white candles. The names of the young people who have gone out from the Mission, and other names that have been requested by members, in the armed forces are read, and some one, usually the mother, comes forward to light the candle. We pray for these young people, then sing "God Bless Our Boys". The candles are lighted one by one as each name is read again. There is only the light of the candles and God is very near. After we have stood and sung "My Country 'Tis Of Thee", Mr. Kemper brings the message on the star in God's window, for God gave His Son.

As I write this we have just finished these meetings, and while, of course, we are never satisfied, we are so thankful for hearts that have been touched, and for those who have accepted Christ. Now we are back on our regular schedule of meetings and classes to help our people to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

These meetings and classes include not only our Prayer Meeting and Missionary Societies, but Bible classes of our boys and girls, and young people. The younger boys and girls meet after school, and following their meeting and lesson have some kind of handwork, usually connected with the lesson. The two older groups meet in the evening, and following their study, play games in the church basement. Wholesome recreation plays a very real part in the life and development of our boys and girls. We have a number of games, including a ping pong set and a carrom board given to us at Christmas time by a women's club near by. We would like a regular ping pong table, instead of using our Sabbath School

tables as we do now. Perhaps some reader will know of one that is not being used. We always welcome games, especially active ones. Perhaps you have a croquet set that is getting dusty in a corner of your attic that will be nice for our lawn next summer. I believe that the more we can get our young people to make the church the center of their interests the better it will be for them and for the church. They are laying the foundation stones for their lives now and we are anxious that just the right stones go into the building.

Dorothy E. Partington

HOME LIGHTS

A bright new light has come into the home of Superintendent and Mrs. William A. Heagen of Ezel, Kentucky with the birth of a little son, Robert Joseph. The Home Missions family welcomes him and congratulates father, mother and little Dorothy Ann.

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TAHOMA TERRACE

Two airplanes are now suspended on wires at one side of our Bible School department, and each Sabbath either the one named "Boys" or the one named "Girls" is advanced a little on its way to the goal at the other end of the room to receive, by March thirty-first, the coveted banner for having the larger number present. So far the planes are flying in close formation.

Three of our choir girls were delegates to the Church Youth Council, chosen previously to attend the meetings and banquets held in one of our city churches every three months.

Beth Johnstone.

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FRENCHBURG SCHOOL

In spite of an exceptionally cold winter we had good attendance. We have many outside activities which add to the enjoyment of the children and to the tasks of the teachers. We have the Junior Missionary society, the Brownies, the Scouts, the Allied Youth, the Intermediates, the Y.P.C.U., the Folk Games, the Forensic work, debate, basketball, the Senior Class Play, and now we are preparing the Bible program which always proves to be one of the high lights of the Commencement season.

Harry L. Cowden.

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Both Frenchburg and Ezel report that the clothing supply is completely exhausted. Now that spring has come all kinds of summer clothing is badly needed. They appeal to you to remember their need as you sort the contents of your closets this spring. Let us not forget the need overseas nor fail to remember those depending upon us here at home.

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During the month I have made ninety home visits and eleven hospital calls. Some of our young people have gone to the Tuberculosis League Hospital twice to sing for the patients. They also sponsored a party that was well attended. Several of our boys in the Service home on furlough enjoyed it with them.

Mary Ciancio.

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EAST PROVIDENCE R. I.

The work with the children is gratifying and their parents are co-operative. It is touching the way the little ones respond to Christian teaching. They are so eager for the stories of Jesus; reverent in their worship and full of questions and requests. One can detect their love for Christ in all they do and say. "A little child shall lead them", is seen in their witnessing for Him in their homes.

Mary J. Zucchi.

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JANE COOK HOSPITAL, FRENCHBURG.

Our work in the hospital has continued to be almost more than we could do. We have tried desperately to get another nurse, but since this seems to be impossible we have decided to shift Miss Girven from the Home Economics work at the school to the position of dietitian-house-

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Negro Missions

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RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES AT CAMDEN ACADEMY

By MRS. A. C. PEOPLES

It is the aim of Camden Academy to maintain a high standard of scholarship and to develop among the students self-reliant, thoughtful, Christian girls and boys who will be an asset to their various communities. In selecting teachers for these students we try to choose men and women of strong Christian character who possess qualities worthy of emulation by the young ones under their care, upright forward-going Christian men and women who are so strong of character that they inspire their students to be like them.

Character-building and religious activities are greatly stressed at Camden Academy. Sabbath school is held regularly each Sabbath morning. Church services are held only twice per month—the first and third Sabbaths—as the Pastor must share his services and time with Miller's Ferry and Canton Bend congregations. Weekly prayer and praise services are conducted each Wednesday evening. At these meetings there is usually a period of worship after which a topic of general interest is introduced by the leader (a teacher or a Senior High School student) and discussed freely by the group.

Y. P. C. U. for the young people meets every Sabbath afternoon. The young Women's Missionary Society and the Junior Missionary Society have regular meetings, at which the students take complete charge of the meetings, overseen by their adult supervisor.

For the little family of boarding students and teachers, the "family altar" is held at the breakfast table. There they have a brief morning worship service consisting of song, scripture and prayer, led by the matron or a substitute and participated in by all the boarders.

The "family altar" for the larger family—the whole student body—is held at the beginning of the school day. The student body and the entire faculty assemble in the school auditorium and enjoy an inspiring devotional service led by a member of the faculty. This morning devotion seems to set us right for the day.

One class period each day is devoted to a study of some portion of the Bible, by classes. The course of study of the Bible was outlined by the Pastor. It begins with memory verses for the beginners; the memorizing of choice portions of scripture in the second and third grades; learning and dramatizing certain selected Bible stories by the intermediates on through to the reading of Bible passages. The high school students study certain books of the Bible in more detail. The senior class is following a course in teacher training. They are taught Church School management. Each student must do a specified amount of practice teaching in the Sabbath School. The pupils that complete the course satisfactorily are awarded a certificate to that effect.

Each year we set aside two weeks of the school year for Evangelistic meetings. During that time we strive to "revive the good and destroy the evil." Those who are already in Christ re-dedicate themselves to Him, and try to persuade others to accept Him as their Saviour and Master. This year it seems that the whole school and even the community entered eagerly into the spirit of Revival. A week before the regular meetings were scheduled to begin,

the Bible classes were converted into prayer groups. The weekly Prayer Circle was largely attended. (This Prayer Circle is purely voluntary for overyone. It meets for ten minutes at the beginning of the noon recess every Wednesday. It was organized three years ago during the Evangelistic meetings by a small group of teachers and students who met at that time to pray that certain loved ones in their midst would accept Christ. Others have joined the group and now it is a regular weekly event). The whole school seemed enveloped in a spiritual atmosphere.

The atmosphere was carried to the community by the students and by one of the Elders of the church who visited the community churches and inspired the congregations with the spirit that prevailed on the campus.

During the first week of the meetings, services were held each morning at 11:30 o'clock. Each day we had a different speaker for that hour. The speakers were the pastors of the local churches. During the second week the Evangelist, Rev. H. E. Talley of Thomaston, Alabama brought us two messages per day—at 11:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Each evening service was preceded by a prayer service led by the members of the Women's Missionary Society. This put the congregation in the right attitude to receive the message.

We had great reasons to rejoice. The Revival was a success. About sixty girls and boys, including one adult, made confession of their faith and accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour. The services were terminated by the baptism of 12 who connected themselves with the Camden United Presbyterian Church, and by the giving of Communion to 100 confessing Christians.

The Evangelistic Meeting closed a week ago but the spirit of the meetings is with us yet. It is our prayer that the spirit will remain with us until the next season of Revival.

THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMONS

Jesus is willing to do for us what we are not willing to do for ourselves.

There is nothing in this world good for you that you cannot have, for Jesus has the power to give it and He will give it.

Rev. D. F. White, United Presbyterian

"The wages of sin is death; the gift of God is eternal life."

Rev. Wright, Methodist

God is asking each of us "What is that in thine hand?" or "What do you have?" You have something that you can put to great use if you dedicate it to God.

All great works are done by each one doing his best with what he has.

Use what little you have in the name of God for right and righteousness in the uplift of humanity.

Rev. Hill, Methodist

With Jesus life can be happy and beautiful—without Jesus, nothing.

Without Christ to guide me I am totally blind.

Christ in your life will make you forget yourself, restore to you, your spiritual eyesight.

Rev. McCray, Presbyterian

Every sinner is lost without Christ.

Everyone who refuses to confess Christ is an enemy of God.

Jesus Christ is the only Saviour.

God's people are offered great rewards for winning souls to Christ.

We are saved by the grace that flows through the heart of God to the sinner.

Dr. Horner

Think on your ways. God's favors are not a debt to us.

To know God is to trust His word; to love one another; to change your condition; to be able to walk straight in the paths of righteousness.

Rev. Talley, Baptist

Indian Missions

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APRIL 1945 INDIAN GRASS OR GEESE MONTH 1945 GREAT SUNS

COOK SCHOOL

In the days when roving bands of Indians still played havoc among both peaceful tribesmen and pioneer settlers, a lone white missionary built a little mud school-house out among the giant cacti of Arizona. This man was Rev. Charles H. Cook, first missionary-teacher to bring the Gospel of Christ to the southwest Indians. For him the "Cook Christian Training School" is named.

The school was sponsored for thirty-two years by the Presbyterian Church and has been a great influence among Indians, preparing many Indian ministers and lay workers for Christian service. In 1940 a change was made. Through the sponsorship of the Home Missions Council, other denominations began to take an active interest and made Cook School the basis of an interdenominational institution. In the larger program now under way the school and its practical training program is available to every Indian tribe and to every denomination of the United States.

Cook School is located at Phoenix, Arizona, in the heart of one of the greatest Indian population areas of the nation; across the street is the U. S. Government School of 500 students, and nearby are two large Indian hospitals. It is within three miles of the center of Phoenix, and is the only school in the United States dedicated exclusively to the training of young adult Indians for Christian leadership among their own people.

The buildings constructed thirty years ago are inadequate for the greatly expanding demands. Plans are now going forward for the financing and erecting of new buildings, and in the meantime the Board of Trustees is developing a strong teaching and administrative staff.

Pearl Bear and her teacher

We are happy to have Miss Pearl Bear of our Tama, Indian Mission attending this school devoted to this great task of training Christian Indian leaders. The Women's Board has provided a continuous scholarship for Cook School to be used by her for her course, and then to be used by some worthy Indian student. Rev. F. C. Patterson and the Indian Secretary are very grateful for the interest you have shown in one of *our own girls.*

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"UNTO ONE OF THESE LEAST— UNTO ME"

The lives of our missionaries to the American Indians are made up of many little ministries in His Name. These heroes and heroines are spend-

ing and being spent in isolated areas, doing little things that take time and strength, with seemingly little results of their labor, but they are living Christ among those who do not know Him or who are babes in the faith.

Let us slip into the little Post Office at Simnasho. Our missionaries are busy selling postage stamps, writing letters to boys overseas, orders of all kinds, making out gasoline applications for extra driving and for cutting wood, etc. The Doctor from Warm Springs Agency sent up cartons of cough medicine, salve, liniment, castor oil, and cotton, gauze and adhesive tape, all to be dispensed where there is need. Eye drops are to be put into poor sick eyes; sores treated and bound up; and always an invitation is given to services at God's House and a message from the Great Physician. Here is a great opportunity for a devoted Christian nurse. Numerous telephone calls are made, for the average Indian dislikes to talk over the telephone! The missionaries say: "We are glad to give this service to the Indian in His Name. If we could only induce them to render service of heart confession and separation for the Saviour who has been pleading for them so long—we would be amply rewarded, as we sit, tired and weary, after the last Indian has left our living room to go out into the dark."

In the Ozarks, a faithful messenger walks many miles to the humble homes of the Cherokees. On entering a home, the aged mother greets him in broken English: "Pray for me, please. I pray every day. I walk in Jesus Road." And there in that humble cabin, prayers and tears are mixed and the Word is read and explained. In another cabin—"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and such songs are sung, with smiling faces and tapping feet, then prayer is offered, and the Word is read. These hungry and thirsty ones, longing for the Bread and Water of Life wait for the man of God to pass their way. Some need clothing, and from the many boxes sent to the Mission the missionary is able to supply these temporal needs. "We look forward to the time when a greater program can be carried on, but for the time being we shall take courage and do little things day by day." One of the joys of service among the Cherokee and white people is the opportunity of Bible lessons in the Union Grade School every week.

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INDIAN ARROWS

That clever mistress of the Mesquakie Manse at Tama, Iowa can prepare a wedding dinner on an hour's notice!!! Can you?

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During the World Day of Prayer meeting at Toledo, Iowa, Elder Louis Mitchell, of Tama, very fittingly led in prayer for Religious Work Directors in the Indian Boarding Schools, as he had been in such a school when a boy.

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The W. M. S. of Tama, Iowa at the February meeting reported fourteen adults and fifteen children. Why not take the little ones along with you to your meeting?

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Rev. E. H. Carson writes: "Many of the Indians just come home in the

YOUR INDIAN "I. Q."

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT INDIANS?

1. What States have Indian names?
2. Name some cities with Indian names.
3. What Mountains have Indian names?
4. Can you name at least ten foods that Indians have given us?
5. What Medicinal herbs have they contributed?

winter to their uncomfortable domiciles in order to visit around and go to feasts and family dinners, of which there are so many. The people have concluded a four-day feast at the near-by Long House in commemoration of George Washington, (a kind of tribal saint to the Red Man). The presence of some Indian service men on furlough inspired the mto include these men and make it a memorial dinner on Saturday. I attended this dinner and spoke to a crowd of 250 people."

ANSWERS TO YOUR INDIAN QUIZ

1. Ala., Ariz., Ark., Del., Conn., N. D., Idaho, Ill., Ia., Kan., Ky., Mass., Minn., Mich., Miss., Mo., N. Mex., Neb., Okla., Tenn., Tex., Utah, Wis., Wyo., (Alaska).
2. Detroit, Chicago, Keokuk, Milwaukee, Mobile, Seattle, Chautauqua.
3. Shasta, Monadnock, Katahdin.
4. Turkey, rabbit, venison, buffalo, hominy, sweet potato, corn, kidney beans, lima beans, squash, pumpkin, melons, peanuts, cashew nuts, popcorn, peppers.
5. Sassafras tea, quinine, oil of wintergreen, cocaine, witch hazel, osage orange, sagebrush, ipecac, boneset or Indian sage, pipsissewa, cactus arnica.

YOUNG WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

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them only on such occasions as births or deaths in the family, and then at night in a closed car and by special permission from their father! While listening to the ten pupils in that house, I estimated that the gold worn by any one of the older girls would probably be worth one thousand dollars."

Note:—Next month we shall present more of this story.

CHARTIERS YOUNG WOMEN'S RALLY

The Young Women and Teen Age Girls held a Rally at the Second Church, Washington, Pa., on December 8, 1944. The Rally began with a delicious dinner served by the Anna Y. Thompson Society, assisted by the Alpha Mu Sigma Circle. Between courses group singing was led by Miss Doris McNary, choir director of the hostess church. Roll call was answered by 122 members representing 23 societies. Miss Little's letter concerning the past year's work was read. Societies were urged to get out their duplicate reports and check their progress. The meeting was then adjourned to the Sanctuary in order to accommodate the large number of persons who wished to hear Mrs. E. R. Kellersberger, the guest speaker.

The Alice Grimes Circle, 3rd Church of Washington, led us in the worship service. A trio, composed of Mrs. K. F. Mollenaur, Miss Margaret Rankin, and Miss Jane McBurney, accompanied by Mrs. V. R. Massock, sang two beautiful songs.

Mrs. Robert Mulholland, president of the Presbyterial, introduced Mrs. Kellersberger who inspired us with her friendly personality and sincere message. Mrs. H. A. Bruder led in the prayer for Missions. The Rally closed with the singing of "God be with you till we meet again" and the Mizpah Benediction.

Virginia Munnell,
Y. M. Secretary.

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MISSIONARIES' BIRTHDAYS

May
Mrs G. G. Gutteridge ..... May 11
Miss Flora Jameson ..... May 13
Miss Dora Mason ..... May 15
Miss Lois D. Kingan ..... May 23
Miss E. Verna Pillow ..... May 27
Mrs. A. F. Huish ..... May 30

MISSIONARIES' BIRTHDAYS

June
Miss Marion Paden ..... June 19
Miss Louise Scott ..... June 22

The weeks fly past faster than mails can travel. For example the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Sialkot Mission stamped "7, Nov., Bombay" reached Pittsburgh on February 19th. You can see how much time is consumed in sending a letter to India and receiving a reply by regular mail. Urgent messages must be sent by cable. Since code may not now be used, a cable takes more words than formerly, hence more cash; but in these days when we speak glibly of money by the billion, what are a few paltry dollars?

As usual the Mission put through an immense volume of business. They made a number of requests of our Board, none of which seems unreasonable, and we trust the report we send back to the field after consideration will carry encouragement with it.

With eleven of our girls (the Misses Fleming, Ramsey, McConnell, Peterson, Beatty, Kyle, Weede, Howland, Hewitt, Hill and Ballantyne) standing poised and ready to sail on the first ship available, and with only six enroute back (now arrived) to the field, the assignments of location and work were most difficult and ended in the doubling, even tripling of duties.

A seventh relief missionary, Miss Hartig, is on her way to India but at last word was still in Melbourne. On the day she wrote, Jan. 4th, it was exactly seven months since she left a home port; "and still so far from India," she says.

She is having a happy sojourn and is doing quite a little speaking. Were it not for the fact that she longs to be back at work and is so badly needed we could be glad that she is having this almost sabbatical year; for those of us who know will never forget her loving, sacrificial service during the long illness of Kathryn Beattie.

In continuation of the Mission policy for Indianization, partially enforced by shortage of American workers, they are planning to put two more girls' schools under Indian management with Miss Wengert at Abbottabad and Miss Scott at Gujranwala as advisors. In addition both of these women will engage in District Work.

The Gujranwala Day School is an old and important school with over one hundred Christian and two hundred non-Christian girls enrolled. Many of these girls are of the third generation of those who have attended this school, representing some of the best families of the city.

It has been necessary to increase the fees in our Girls' Boarding Schools but in spite of this fact few have had to drop out and there are more who wish to come than can be accommodated.

The Bible Training School, Rawal Pindi, has had a good attendance of Bible Women. The book of Galatians has been their text for the past year. During the absence of Miss Peterson, Miss Cathcart will give half time to this school in addition to her large Day School in the city.

The Mary B. Reid Hospital has been very busy with twenty-eight in-patients at one time and several new babies. One event of great in-

terest there was the arrival of "darling" twin boys.

A recent card from Zafarawal tells us that little Ida Alter has been ill in bed since March last with rheumatic fever. She attended her first annual meeting when under a year old with Mrs. Boobyer and me and we are sorry to have this news.

We have not yet received the Minutes of the annual meeting of the Egypt Mission though we believe they are on the way, for we have received a copy of the estimates.

Sometimes in the midst of their busy lives our missionaries have unexpected and pleasant outings. Such a delightful interlude came to Miss Ida Whiteside of the Carrie M. Buchanan school at Luxor where she has been at her post for more than ten years without furlough. With several others she was invited by Madame Dos, mother of Mona Dos who visited us several years ago, to spend a day at her home on the beach. There were thirty-five in all for dinner—the immediate family, relatives and friends. Miss Whiteside says, "Of course the cabin porch would not hold us all, but we spilled over onto the sand below."

At Commencement time the alumnae of the Luxor school, in honor of her thirty-one years there, gave Miss Whiteside a beautiful gold pendant and ring. The pendant has a green basalt, winged scarab, wings curved up and around, with a setting of tiny diamonds. The ring has the lotus setting with the tiny diamonds on the lotus, and an oval jasper stone, an antique of the Byzantine period, with two little angelic figures on it. It too is green. They also provided for an enlarged picture of Miss Whiteside for the school gallery. Wasn't this a lovely thing to do? And what a commentary on the affection of the "old girls" for their former principal.

We are looking for Miss Whiteside to come home some time this spring. Lucy Lightowler arrived on February 17th and others are to come when they can get away.

You will recall how Lois Kingan went out last year as our "guinea pig" enroute to Egypt, and how she lingered along the way, going around Robin Hood's barn to get there. But at last she is there you have read her Travelogue (Jan. P. 228-230; Feb. P. 283-286), and royally welcomed by all her friends—especially those in Benha.

With the arrival of Ruth Williamson she left her temporary appointment at the Tanta G.B.S. and has taken up her appointment at the College for Girls in Cairo where she will teach and serve on the Administrative Committee. Also she will make weekly trips to Benha to supervise and advise. Miss Zahia is the headmistress there and doing good work.

When the College is fully staffed, Miss Kingan will return to Benha. We could wish this for her and for Benha because some things, such as the visiting of the homes of the school-girls, the Club of Alumnae girls, music, etc., are dependent upon the American teacher; and for these the headmistress has no time.

But Fanous, the excellent and devoted cook for Mrs. Coventry and Miss Kingan, is no longer there; and anyone who has tasted his roasts, his spice cake, his salted nuts—in fact any of his food offerings, will feel a bit of regret. However, Hassan, the school servant, is there and so long as he remains no harm can come to these two women if ever they come under his care.

Tanta Girls' Boarding School has a "splendid group of girls" of from four to eighteen years of age, eighty-five of whom are boarders. That means busy days for Ruth Williamson and Mary C. Thompson.

At the request of the Mission the Board has granted additional bonuses to the Evangelistic and Educational workers in connection with Women's Work in Egypt. Living costs have risen radically, yet many of these workers have declined to

take more remunerative positions out of loyalty to our institutions. You, with the Board, will appreciate their sacrificial service and be glad that an effort has been made to ease their financial burden.

A general letter has come from Miss McKnight at Wad Medani, Sudan. Many may have had copies of it, but not all, so we refer to it. Wad Medani is a city of about 40,000, not counting the colony of monkeys in a small group of sant trees at the edge of the town. We visited them with Miss McIntyre—the first time we had seen them in numbers, large and small, happy and free, in their own habitat.

"The women of Wad Medani make the little skull caps—a tight-fitting beany which the men put on before they wrap their turbans. They take a piece of muslin cut on the bias and fold it. Then they go around and around beginning at the folded edge with a fine back stitch pulled tight. That makes it get smaller and smaller and so it fits. A well-made one will sell for two, to two and a half dollars. An older woman in that house spins cotton thread by hand. We see them doing more hand work here than I remember at Khartum. There are a number of houses where we go where the men make the red slippers worn by women all over the Sudan. (They are called marakeeb which means boats.)

Miss McKnight and her Bible Women are teaching at least 180 women each week now. "Quite a good many who had stopped two or three years ago because of pressure put on their people against the Christian teachers are again taking lessons. It means a new opportunity. Some of them were just ready for the New Testament lessons so this means we very soon get right into the lessons in the Life of Christ. I am sure your prayers have had their part in the return of these girls and hope that you will continue to remember us as we go into these homes.

"Recently to attend a wedding supper was a part of 'things-to-do.' It happened that the groom had come before they expected him and so all the preparations hadn't been completed. When we left about 9:30 they were still braiding her hair and had not put on any of the ornaments. I am sure that it would be nearly morning before she would be ready to meet the groom. And now she has gone away with him where there are no teachers so that is the end of her lessons. However, she had lessons long enough to read pretty well and had the lessons in the Life of Christ so we can hope that the seed sown will bring forth fruit in her life."

We will remember Miss McKnight and her helpers. And remember, she is living alone, several hours by train from any of the Mission family.

No recent word has come from South Sudan. We hope that within a few months recruits for this field will be on their way. In the meantime these recruits are spending their time in study for their future task.

It is furlough time for Mrs. Pollock and Mrs. Walker of Ethiopia. Both are in need of rest and re-creation. We expect them to return to America this spring or early summer. This will leave Ruth Beatty and Isabel Blair the only representatives of the Women's Board in that country. The Rev. and Mrs. Henry should arrive there soon, their location unknown to us as yet. The Henrys have made hundreds of addresses over the Church during their long furlough and when they spoke they never drew a dividing line between Boards. Their sole thought is for the Kingdom as it is being, and may be built up in Ethiopia. We thank them for their untiring work.

When these pages are in print the Misses Sherriff and MacLachlan will have completed their visits to college campuses. After being at Westminster and Muskingum, there was an interval of about two weeks at their own disposal before going on to Mon-

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Junior Department

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AIMS—a. A Junior Missionary Society in every congregation.
b. A Junior Missionary Magazine in the home of each Junior.
c. Contributions from every society to each of the Seven Departments of Work, to the Junior Special, and to the Thank Offering.

JUNIOR SPECIAL WORK

a. Salary of Miss Mary V. Ewing, R.N., on furlough from Doleib Hill, South Sudan, Africa.
b. Maintenance of the "Ibis" for the promotion of children's work in Egypt.

NEW SOCIETIES

Kingslawn, New York Presbyterial, membership 15, Mrs. G. Erb, Superintendent.

Camp Run, Beaver Valley Presbyterial, membership 16, Mrs. Lester Wagner, Superintendent.

A STUDY OF ETHIOPIA

During the months of April and May, the Juniors are to study Ethiopia. For the first of these meetings, secure a copy of February issue of the *Women's Missionary Magazine.* In it you will find up-to-date information about Ethiopia. For a worship service, select parts of the devotional service on page 274 of that magazine; and, for the remainder of your program, adapt the material found on pages 259-272. Use the poem on page 272. In the same issue, see page 317 for suggestions for leaflets on Ethiopia.

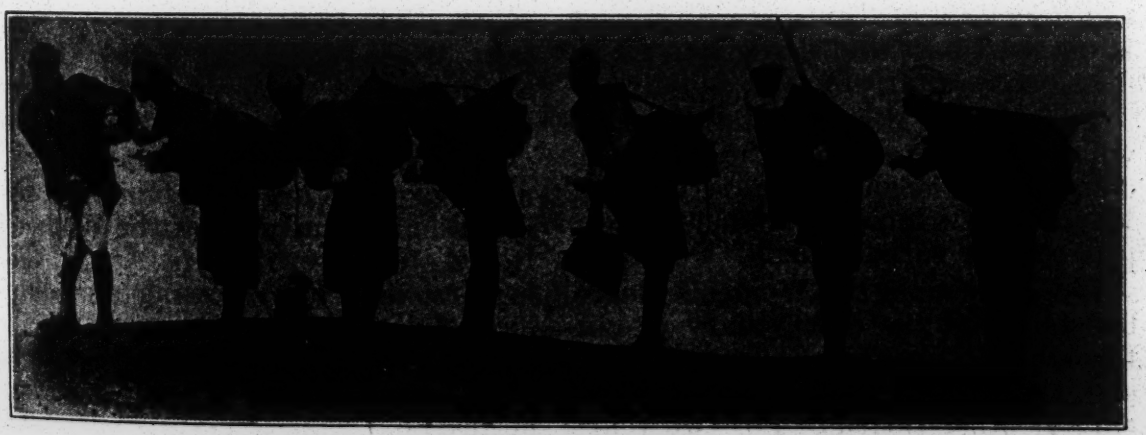
A THANK OFFERING SERVICE IN INDIA

Saturday evening we had the Thank Offering meeting of the Junior societies. One of my teachers takes the societies in this section and the Bible School girls have two in the *basti.* So we furnished refreshments for the occasion and a good time was had by all! It is nice to hear their program of songs, verses, and stories learned. Their offering was about eight *rupees.* Seventy were present.

—Quoted from a letter from Evelyn Cathcart, Rawal Pindi, Punjab, India, Nov. 27, 1944.

THE WELL-WORN PATH TO THE NILE

How fascinating it is to watch the various craft, low in the water, with their heavy cargoes of bales of cotton, bricks for building, or vegetable produce being taken from the village to the towns, and with their high masts and sails unfurled to get every possible breath of wind. But there is something else in this river scene to attract attention besides the river and its craft and that is—a little well-worn path leading down to the water's edge from the side of the road. Here one sees a constant stream of people coming and going. Who are they, and what are they coming for?



Water Carriers in Egypt

There is one need common to them all—*water*—and it is for this that they come down to the river's edge, mostly women and girls from the houses around. Some will be carrying water-pots, which are quickly filled, put back on their heads, and so carried home. Some will be bringing bundles of dirty clothes, which are flung into the water and shaken about—but one wonders if the final result is any improvement! After dinner, saucepans and other cooking vessels are brought down, and with the aid of some Nile mud as well as water the dirt soon disappears. Occasionally, especially in the early mornings, come some men along this path to the river, their legs bare to the knees, with a goat skin or a kerosene tin suspended on each end of a pole over their shoulders. They plunge into the river, fill their tins and climb to the road to take their precious water to houses where the people have no little girls available to fetch the water for them, and are willing to pay the men a few farthings for their trouble.

What a picture all this is of our missionary work in Egypt—passing on the good news of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus to thirsty, needy souls! Just as the broad and deep waters of the Nile never fail, never run dry, so the Water of Life is ever available, and by various means we are seeking to bring that Living Water to those who need Him.

"Let Him that is athirst come." This is the Spirit's invitation to us all. Is there a well-worn path to the river of Living Water in your Life? If so, you will know the secret of access to the Father's presence to intercede there for the needy ones in this land who have not yet heard the voice of Jesus say,

"Behold I freely give
The Living Water; thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink and live."

—Quoted from *Egypt General Mission News*

FOREIGN MISSIONS

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mouth, Tarkio and Sterling. To date they have reported pleasant and promising contacts with student bodies. Miss Kate Hill is representing our Women's Work on the West coast, being given wide hearing, and enjoying her stay among United Presbyterians there. Dr. Anna Watson, formerly of Tanta Hospital, also is on the Coast and doing her bit in missionary interests.

Friends of Miss Eulalia Grether will be sorry to know she has been obliged to spend some time at Mayo's. We understand her case is progressing satisfactorily.

For some time the Women's Board has felt that the $800 salary of our foreign missionaries has been too low; it is low in comparison with that paid by other Boards. For two years past we have paid a bonus of $10 per month. Recent action has made this bonus a part of the regular salary and an increase of $80 has been added, making the present salary $1,000, payable at par in L.E., rupees, or thalers, according to the country in which the missionary is serving. This change goes into effect with the April, 1945 salary.

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And now, circumstances make it necessary for me to submit my resignation as a member of the Women's Board, to take effect in April. The hewers have been hewing and chips have fallen as they would to the ground. However this particular chip hopes that it will not lie unheeded, but that it may yet be gathered up and used, perhaps as a bit

Temperance and Reform Department

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J. Edgar Hoover has made the following statement: "This country is in deadly peril. We can win the war and still lose freedom for all in America. For a creeping rot of moral disintegration is eating into our nation. . . . In the last year, 17 per cent more boys under 21 were arrested for assault than the year before, 26 per cent more for disorderly conduct, 20 per cent more for drunkenness. . . . For girls, the figures are even more startling: 39 per cent more for drunkenness, 64 per cent more for prostitution, 124 per cent more for vagrancy."

DO YOU REMEMBER

Do you remember when you were in the Junior Missionary Society how you looked up to those splendid Christian leaders? Do you remember the men and women who led you in prayer in your Sabbath School and Missionary Societies . . . how you tried to live up to the high Christian standards they set for you? Do you remember when you were at your play in your home Community how, as they walked to and fro, you knew which were really, truly Christians? Do you recall some who were just luke warm?

WHAT DO THE YOUNG THINK OF YOU?

What do the young in your home, your Church, your community think of you? Are you living the Christ-like life before them? It does not take much to win the young but you must be loyally true to keep them.

RESTORE FAMILY ALTAR

When you presented your child at the altar for baptism you promised to pray with, and for, this child, to instruct him diligently in the doctrines and duties of Christianity, and to do what in you lies to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Let us reconsecrate our lives to God. Let us re-establish the family altar in our homes and take time to read and pray with our children and teach them the fear of God and the way they should go.

Read "We Teach Our Children to Pray" in the February issue of *Readers' Digest.*

THE HARVEST

Multitudes of people, animals and fowls need grain for food.
Why use it for drink?

A world in woe needs clear minds, steady hands and loving hearts.
Why forfeit these by drink?
As true now as when written are the words—"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap."

Mrs. Hoyman
Near East W.C.T.U. Secretary

"Drinkers Spent 7 Billion, a Record in '44"

BITTER DOSE

The more a man drinks to forget, the more bitter his memories.

Los Angeles Times

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HOW TO ORDER LITERATURE

Start the new year right! Send all orders for literature *directly* to the Literature Department, 904 Publication Building, 209 Ninth Street, Pittsburgh 22, Pa. Make checks and money orders payable to Mrs. Charles Bradley Warren, Literature Secretary. Allow plenty of time for delivery. Remember that the Literature Department does *not* handle subscriptions to the Magazine or Program Calendars. Orders for these go to Mrs. Ralph H. Arnold, 525 Mifflin Avenue, Pittsburgh 21, Pa.

FOR MAY PROGRAM

God Answers Prayer—3c

Most Wonderful Answer to Prayer I Ever Saw—3c

Bible Words on Prayer—1c

It is not possible to announce the full Reading Course at this time, as complete information has not been received as yet concerning the study books. The books already chosen are as follows:

Inspirational

THE MANNER OF PRAYER by William Douglas Chamberlain. Price $1.00

DR. HENRY OF ASSIUT by Dr. Anna A. Milligan and Dr. Frank C. McClanahan. This is being published by the U. P. Board of Foreign Missions. It is not yet off the press.

Biographical or other

WANLESS OF INDIA by Lillian E. Wanless. Price $3.00

THE EMPEROR'S PHYSICIAN by J. R. Perkins. Price $2.75

The complete list of Reading Course books will appear in the May Magazine.

Of the denominational Books suggested in the Program, TOMORROW'S EGYPT by Davida Finney, and BEHIND THE GARDEN OF ALLAH by Dr. Shields are available. RAINBOW EMPIRE is out of print, but it may be possible that pastors or members of societies have copies. ETHIOPIA: A PAWN IN EUROPEAN DIPLOMACY may be obobtained *directly* from Dr. Ernest C. Work, New Concord, Ohio, $2.50.

HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

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keeper at the hospital, thus relieving the nurses of the many tasks of supervising the meals, cleaning and laundry. Mrs. Shelby Kash will teach Home Economics in the school.

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There will be vacancies to be filled in our mountain schools next fall. A dietitian-cook and a matron for the dormitory and a Home Economics teacher will be needed. Other teachers for grade or High School may be needed. This is an opportunity for splendid Christian service with a fine group of workers who are helping these bright young people to become educated Christian men and women. Are there not qualified young women in our churches who would like to share in this work that is so worth while? If you are interested please write to the Home Missions Secretary for definite information.

Tributes

Mrs. Minnie Wallace

On November 24, Mrs. Minnie Wallace, who has been treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society Center U. P. Church, Midway, for the past thirty-two years was called to her eternal rest. She was modest and unassuming in the faithful work which she did for her church.

We extend our sympathy to her only son, Joseph Wallace, and to her sister, Miss Jennie M. Cummins of Midway, to three brothers, William M. and Charles M. both of Midway and R. Maxwell Cummins of Morganza, and one granddaughter Margaret Ann Wallace.

Mrs. Ota P. Holmes
Mrs. Arthur E. Brown

Mrs. Deborah Milford

The Women's Missionary Society of the Atlantic, Ia. United Presbyterian Church wishes to pay tribute to the memory of Mrs. Deborah Milford, our co-worker and friend in church, Sabbath School and Missionary Society who was called to her eternal Home on October 30, 1944.

Being strong in Faith, radiant in spirit, a devoted Mother, a genuine and sympathetic neighbor and friend, brought out her Christian character and reflected the devotion and inspiration she exemplified in her daily life.

The memory and blessing of her life will be remembered and cherished by all who knew her. We miss her and think of her with affection and respect.

To her children and bereaved relatives we extend our thoughts in sincere sympathy.

Mrs. Bursie Bailey
Mrs. Leola Henderson
Mrs. Cora Lowe

Jessie Thompson Daughtery

The Women's Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of Irwin, Pa. wishes to record this tribute to the memory of Jessie Thompson Daugherty, who passed away January 28, 1945.

We bear testimony to the high esteem in which she was held by the congregation and entire community. Therefore, be it resolved:

That we cherish the memory of this loved member whose faithful, generous, loving service to her home and church and her thoughtful consideration of the rights of others, was a challenge to us all.

That while we will miss her wise counsel, contagious optimism, cheerful co-operation and presence at all services, and since our lives have been enriched and made fuller by having known her, we rejoice that such a life has been lived among us.

That her example will be an incentive to plan and carry on the work she loved, with the same unselfish interest, earnest dependability and faithfulness that she manifested even in failing health.

That we extend to her husband and immediate family our sincere sympathy and assurance that we share the loss of this noble Christian, and commend them to the comfort of the Saviour whom she loved and served.

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her husband, be spread upon the minutes of the Society and be published in The Women's Missionary Magazine.

Mrs. James Hudson
Mrs. Frank W. Helman
Mrs. Otto C. Uhlig
Committee

Miss Norma Johnston

In the death of Norma Johnston on January 9th, 1945, the Frances Gibson Circle has suffered a great and deep loss. A career of great usefulness seems to have ended too soon, but we know Norma did not live in vain. We cannot look back upon her life without feeling that it was God-filled. The memory of her sweet unselfish Christian life will always remain with us.

To her husband, son and infant daughter we extend our deepest sympathy.

Committee.

Mrs. Kathryn Hamal

The members of the women's missionary society of the United Presbyterian church of Unity, Pennsylvania, wish to pay a loving tribute to the memory of Mrs. Kathryn Hamal, who was called to her heavenly home December 20, 1945.

For many years Mrs. Hamal was an active member of the choir and her passing leaves a vacancy that is hard to fill. Her devotion to her church in all departments, and her understanding of human nature endeared her to all of us. She gave lovingly of her time, talents, strength and loving service for her Master.

We extend our sincere sympathy to her husband, daughters, sisters and brother, and commend them to the comfort of the Savior who can comfort them in time of sorrow.

A fitting tribute is beautifully expressed in the following lines:

"This we can tell of her
All friends thought well of her
Home goes her spirit bearing no stain.
This we can say over the loss of her
God will be pleased to receive her again"

Mrs. Henry Vetter
Mrs. W. T. Benedict

PRESENT ADDRESS OF MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY THE WOMEN'S GENERAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY AND DATE OF APPOINTMENT

(c-o American Mission should be added to each foreign address)

INDIA

Miss Ruth I. Ardrey, 1921 — Sialkot City
Miss Margaret Ballantyne, 1941 — Gujranwala
Miss Minnie E. Beatty, 1912 — Abbottabad
Miss Lois Boyd, 1918 — Sangla Hill
Miss N. Addaline Brandon, 1931 — Sargodha
Miss Theresa I. Brownlee, 1922 — Sialkot City
Miss Marie Cash, R.N., 1926 — Pasrur
Miss Evelyn Cathcart, 1925 — Rawalpind
Miss Marjorie Faught, R.N., 1933 — Taxila
Miss Margaret Fehlman, 1913 — Sialkot City
Miss Betsy Fleming, 1913 — Sargodha
Miss Vida J. Graham, 1922 — Pathankot
Miss Evva P. Hartig, R.N., 1924 — Jhelum
Miss Eva M. Hewitt, 1930 — Campbellpur
Miss Alice G. Hill, 1938 — Sheikhupura
Miss Janette Howland, 1921 — Campbellpur
Miss Mary Kyle, 1904 — Pasrur
Miss Mary Frances Lincoln, R.N., 1920 — Sargodha
Miss Glendine Lundquist, R.N., 1932 — Sialkot
Miss Elizabeth F. McConnell, R.N., 1931 — Jhelum
Miss Evelyn M. McKelvey, R.N., 1938 — Sialkot City
Miss Margaret Murdoch, 1924 — Sargodha
Miss Ruth M. Nichol, 1933 — Pasrur
Miss Marian T. Peterson, 1930 — Rawalpindi
Miss Willa M. Ramsey, 1921 — Pathankot
Miss Laura Reynolds, 1924 — Sangla Hill
Miss Louise Scott, 1916 — Gujranwala
Miss Vivian Trimble, 1921 — Pasrur
Miss Georga Wengert, 1920 — Abbottabad
Miss Helen V. Weeds, 1928 — Zafarwal

NOW IN THIS COUNTRY (from INDIA)

Miss Helen Artman, 1920 — R. D. 2, Pulaski, Pa.
Miss Hazel Bennett, 1908 — 268 Park St., Socorro, New Mexico
Miss R. Jean Black, 1921 — Petrolia, Pa.
Miss Frances E. Brown, 1927, 1937 — 810 Glenview St., Philadelphia 11, Pa.
Miss Reba C. Hunsberger, M.D., 1921 — 5914 N. Pulaski, Philadelphia, Pa.
Miss Sarah Jane Lamont, 1928 — 440 W. Cayuga St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Miss Laura R. MacLachlan, 1938 — R. R. 1, Atkinson, Nebraska
Miss E. Marjorie McCrory, 1936 — McCrory Farms, R. D. 1, Homer City, Pa.
Miss Ruth A. Warnock, 1913, 1936 — 915 East 8th St., Wellington, Kans.
Miss Helen C. Sharp, M.D., 1944 — 411 N. Yale, Villa Park, Ill.

RETIRED (from INDIA)

Miss Emma Dean Anderson, 1881 — 754 22nd St., San Diego 2, Calif.
Miss Laurella G. Dickson, 1897 — Tarkio, Mo.
Miss Ella M. Gordon, 1893 — Pattersonville, N. Y.
Miss Kate A. Hill, 1896 — 754 22nd St., San Diego, Calif.
Miss Flora Jameson, 1903 — 32 Bonvue St., Pittsburgh 14, Pa.
Miss Mary E. Logan, 1891 — 325 W. 7th St., Rushville, Ind.
Miss Lillian A. McConnell, 1902 — 609 S. 3rd Ave., Lakeworth, Fla.
Miss Rose McCullough, 1879 — Penn & Trenton Aves., Pittsburgh 21, Pa.

HONORARY RETIRED MISSIONARY

Miss Mary J. Campbell, 1884 — Box 423, Santa Ana, Calif.

RETIRED (from EGYPT)

Miss Rena L. Hogg, 1899 — c/o American Mission, Assiut, Egypt
Miss Ella M. Barnes, 1911 — 926 East 1st St., Monmouth, Ill.
Miss Minnehaha Finney, 1894 — 121 North 7th St., Sterling, Kans.
Miss E. Roxy Martin, 1901 — Fair Meadows, Limekiln Park, R.D., Chalfont, Pa.
Miss Laura B. Walker, 1904 — 1109 McClure Ave., Munhall, Pa.

EGYPT—c/o American Mission

Miss Margaret A. Bell, 1901 — Fayoum
Miss Helen R. Brownlee, R.N., 1934 — Assiut
Miss Leota Cabeen, 1909 — Alexandria
Mrs. Mary K. Coventry — Benha
Mrs. Ada A. Dunlap, 1926 — Fayoum
Miss Lucia Dwight, 1919 — Beni Suef
Mrs. William Fennell, 1937 — Cairo
Miss Elsie M. French, LL.D., 1909 — Cairo
Miss Alice Grimes, 1924 — Cairo
Mrs. G. G. Gutteridge, 1939 — Cairo
Mrs. A. F. Huish, 1939 — Cairo
Miss Lois D. Kingan, 1926 — Cairo
Miss Lucy Lightowler, 1921 — Cairo
Miss Dora B. Mason, 1918 — Assiut
Miss Ethel O. McMahon, R.N., 1945 — Tanta
Miss Jeannette McCrory, 1916 — Assiut
Miss Carol E. McMillan — Beni Suef
Miss Elizabeth McKibben, R.N., 1924 — Tanta
Miss Sarah B. Meloy, 1923 — Cairo
Miss Lucile B. Nichols, R.N.A., 1945 — Assiut
Miss Helen J. Noordewier, 1921 — Luxor
Miss Marion A. Paden, 1902 — Tanta
Miss Venna R. Patterson, 1924 — Cairo
Miss Frances Patton, 1922 — Manaura
Miss Stella Robertson, 1922 — Cairo
Miss Martha A. Roy, 1938 — Luxor
Mrs. Rachel T. Seiver, 1925 — Tanta
Miss Jane C. Smith, R.N., 1922 — Cairo
Miss Mary C. Thompson, 1939 — Tanta
Miss Mary L. Thompson, LL.D., 1917 — Assiut
Miss Helen M. Walker, 1930 — Assiut
Miss Ida B. Whiteside, 1913 — Luxor
Miss Louise N. Williamson, 1944 — Cairo
Miss Ruth M. Williamson, 1924 — Tanta
Miss Elizabeth M. Wilson, 1932 — Fayoum
Miss Esther W. Wilson, 1919 — Luxor
Miss Margaret A. Work, 1924 — Cairo
Miss Ruth A. Work, 1904 — Assiut

NOW IN THIS COUNTRY (from EGYPT)

Miss Anna Criswell, 422 W. Logan St., Clarinda, Ia.
Miss Mary Frances Dawson, 1922 — 808 E. Third St., Ellensburg, Wash.
Miss Alta G. French, 1925 — Goldfield, Iowa
Miss Davida Finney, Litt.D., 1915 — 914 Cambridge Rd., Coshocton, Ohio
Miss Martha C. Glass, 1921 — 235 East 49th St., New York 17, N.Y.
Miss Eulalia D. Grether, 1929 — 435 East 11th St., Loveland, Colo.
Miss Alfaretta M. Hammond, 1904 — State Hospital, Warren, Pa.
Miss Lucy Lightowler, 1921 — 26 West Pomona St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Miss Helen J. Martin, Ped.D., 1915 — 904 Publication Bldg., Pittsburgh 22, Pa.
Miss Evelyn McFarland, 1919 — New Wilmington, Pa.
Mrs. John McMillan, 1937 — 116 S. Erie St., Mayville, N. Y.
Miss Edna B. Sheriff, 1920. Telephone, Indianola, Iowa; R. D., Norwalk, Iowa
Miss Nellie C. Smith, 1911 — 536 Superior St., Grove City, Pa.
Miss Marie Tait, 1925 — R. D. 5, Mercer, Pa.
Miss Ethel L. Weed, 1919 — c/o Mrs. Everett McCallister, Carmi, Ill.
Miss Laura Wright, 1921 — Camden, Ohio

THE SUDAN—c/o American Mission

Miss Elsie E. Grove, 1912 — Doleib Hill
Miss Ray Huffman, R.N., 1924 — Nasir
Miss Mary Jane McKnight, 1922 — Wad Medani
Mrs. Alan Theobald, 1938 — Khartoum North
Miss E. Verna Pillow, 1930 — Khartoum North
Miss Mary K. Smith, M.D., 1944 — Nasir
Miss C. Blanche Soule, R.N., 1921 — Nasir
Miss Frances Turk, R.N., 1921 — Khartoum North

NOW IN THIS COUNTRY (from THE SUDAN)

Miss Mary E. Cole, 1919 — Braddyville, Iowa
Miss Una Cole, 1918 — 2047 Glenarm Place, Denver 4, Colo.
Miss Mary V. Ewing, R.N. — 1150 Corporation St., Beaver, Pa.
Miss Marguerite McClellan, 1926 — 228 S. Water St., Olathe, Kans.
Miss Aulora R. McIntyre, 1911 — Lenox, Ia.

ETHIOPIA—c/o American Mission

Miss Ruth C. Beatty, R.N., 1921 — Sayo, via Gambeila, Sudan
Misss Isabel Blair, 1922 — Sayo
Mrs. A. W. Pollock, R.N., 1942 — Gore
Mrs. Ruth Lobaugh Walker, 1923 — Addis Ababa

A Prayer for Childhood

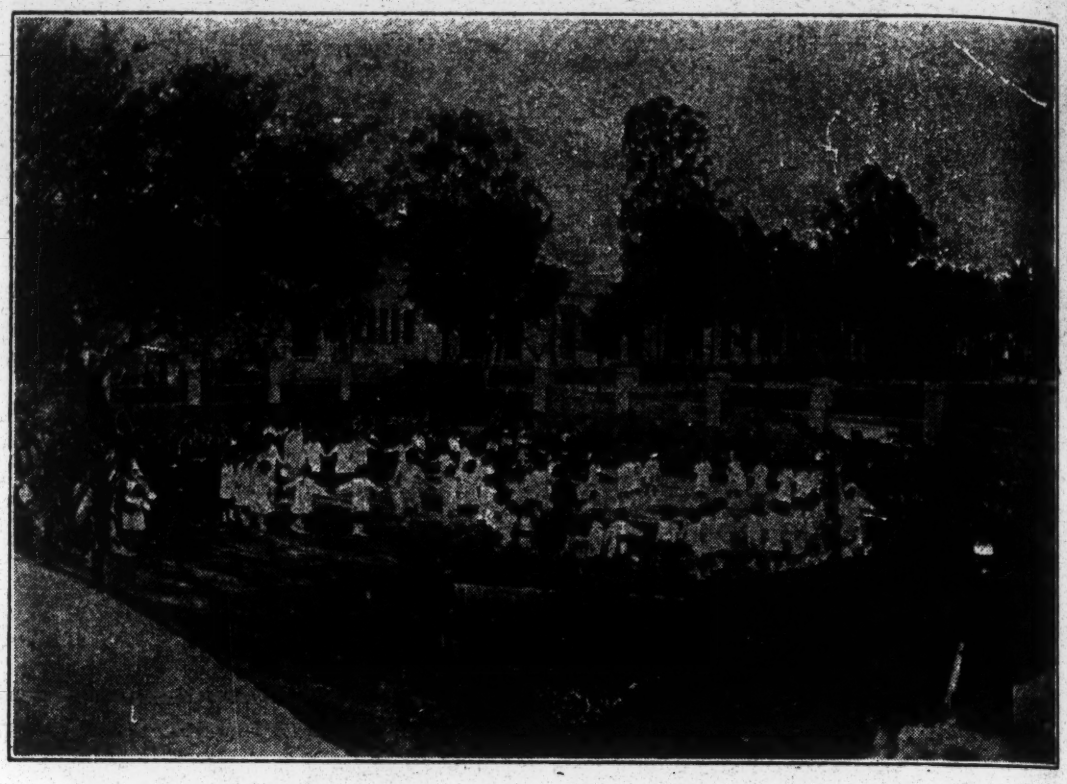
For quiet, peaceful days of happy play,
For nights unbroken by the sound of war,
For homes wherein the Christ delights to dwell—
We make this prayer for children everywhere.

For every child in every land we pray
That love and laughter, joy and peace be his;
And, in the passing of the years, we pray
That he grow, as did the Christ, in wisdom's way.

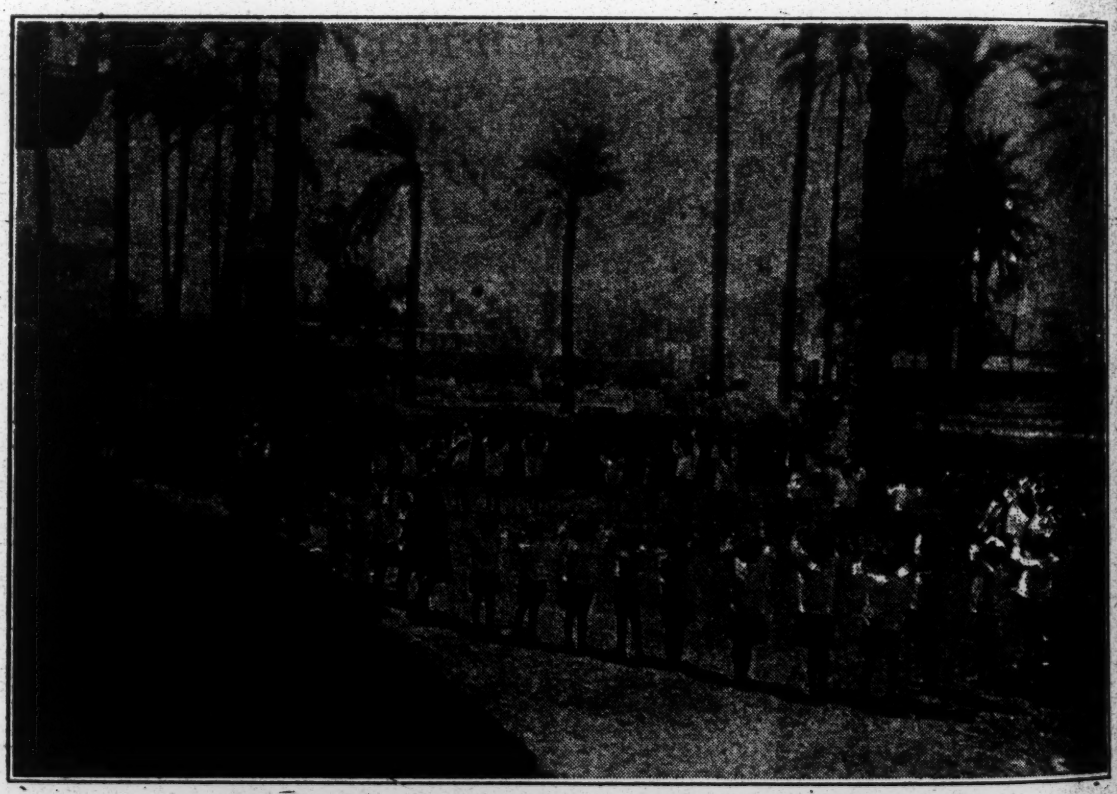
For every child a time of quiet trust
To watch the flowers waken in the sun,
To follow flying birds across the sky,
To learn the silent message of the stars—

All this we ask for children everywhere,
And pray our lives help answer this our prayer.

—Elsie Wehling Fulton.



May Day in the Mary Clokey Porter Girls' Boarding School, Tanta, Egypt



Kindergarten, Pressly Memorial Institute, Assiut, Egypt.